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Join us August 20th for a "Shabbat Evening of Welcome" for prospective members.
5:30 pm Tot Shabbat and 7:30 pm services (6:30 pm Sukkot Shalom, beginning Sept. 24)

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The Jewish Calendar

"The Jewish calendar is the catechism of the Jews."

— Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch

The calendar shapes Jewish life and gives expression to the Jewish worldview. The deepest values and aspirations of the faith are revealed by the content of and the relationships among our holidays. The calendar is a solar-adjusted lunar system. The months average twenty-nine and a half days, resulting in a 354-day year. To ensure that festivals fall in their proper season, a thirteenth month is added in seven of every nineteen years.

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"The holy days are the unbroken master code of Judaism."

– Rabbi Irving Greenberg

Festivals and Holy Days

A religion's sacred occasions reflect its history and beliefs. Holidays from our past commemorate ancient events, while newer holidays mark seminal developments of later times. The chief elements of the Jewish People's sacred seasons are: the cycles of nature and the natural world's beneficence; historic triumphs and tragedies, in all their power and promise; and the messianic hope to perfect our character and our world, in partnership with God.

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"Three times a year you shall hold a festival for Me."

– Exodus 23:14

The Pilgrim Festivals: Nature and History

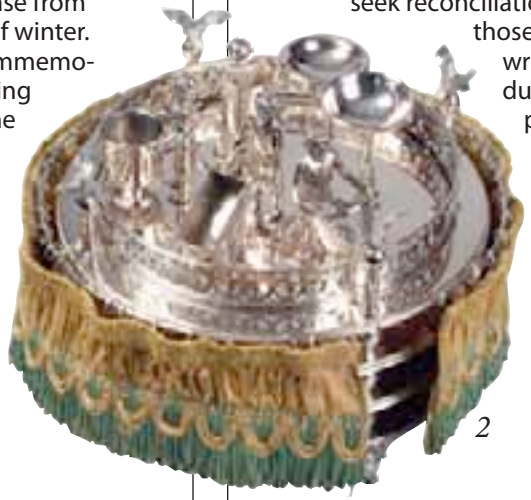
The Three "Pilgrim Festivals" are Pesach, Passover, in early spring; Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, in late spring; and Sukkot, the Feast of Booths, in the autumn. In ancient times, Israelite males made pilgrimages to Jerusalem to celebrate the festivals. Pesach celebrates the liberation of our people from Egyptian bondage and nature's release from the bonds of winter. Shavuot commemorates the giving of Torah and the successful completion of the early harvest. Sukkot rejoices in God's providence during our forty-year journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, as well as the fullness of the autumn harvest.

"Our Parent, our Sovereign, hear our voice!"

—High Holy Day Prayer boo

The High Holy Days

The "Ten Days of Repentance" from Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, through Yom Kippur, The Day of Atonement, call for "an accounting of the soul." On Rosh Hashanah we express our hope for a sweet new year with apples and honey, reaffirm God's sovereignty and our need to make a new beginning with the sounding of the shofar, a ram's horn, and symbolically cast away our sins. On Yom Kippur we fast to enhance our concentration on spiritual matters; we confess our sins and seek reconciliation with those we have wronged during the past year.



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"From grief and mourning to festive joy."

– Esther 9:22)

History-Based Holidays: The Past as Prologue

The eternal lessons of monumental events in Jewish history come alive each year in rituals of remembering and reenactment. Purim, the Feast of Lots, celebrates the story from the biblical book of Esther, in which a plot to exterminate the Jews is foiled by a woman of courage. Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, commemorates the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple and the regaining of religious freedom after the Maccabean victory over the vastly more powerful Assyrian Greeks. Tisha B'av, the ninth day of the month of Av, is a day of fasting on which some of the most painful and catastrophic events of Jewish history are remembered.

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The Jewish Calendar

"In memory lies the secret of redemption."

(Baal Shem Tov)

Modern Observances

The 20th century produced some of the most horrible events of Jewish history and some of the most miraculous. Their meaning is captured through new holidays. Yom Hashoah v'Ha-Gevurah, Holocaust and Heroism Commemoration Day, memorializes the six million Jews killed by the Nazis and their collaborators and celebrates the courage of those who resisted the evildoers. Yom Ha-atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, celebrates the 1948 creation of the State of Israel as the culmination of 2000 years of hope and prayer. Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Reunification Day, recalls the day in 1967 when Jewish soldiers recaptured the Old City of Jerusalem and reunited the city in which Jews have lived since the days of King David.

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JEWISH HOLIDAYS, 5771 (2010/2011)

All holidays begin at sunset the preceding evening

Rosh Hashanah	September 9–10
Yom Kippur	September 18
Sukkot	September 23-29
Shemini Atzeret	September 31
Simchat Torah	October 2
Chanukah	December 2–9
Tu B'Shevat	January 21
Purim	March 21
Passover	April 19-April 26
Yom HaShoah	May 2
Yom HaZikaron	May 10
Yom HaAtzmaut	May 11
Lag B'Omer	May 23
Shavuot	June 8–9
Tisha B'Av	August 10

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Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage: An American Story

Opened in 2005, The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage joined an elite group of world-class institutions as a living testament to the courage, conviction and achievements of Cleveland's Jewish community. The stories of individuals and families – past and present – come to life through state-of-the-art exhibitions, interactives and films, oral histories, photographs and artifacts. The Museum includes The Temple-Tifereth Israel Gallery, an internationally-recognized collection of Judaica, and an exhibition gallery featuring important exhibitions of national and international acclaim.

For information about hours, admission, programs, the Museum Store and special exhibitions, visit www.MaltzJewishMuseum.org or phone (216) 593-0575. The Museum is located at 2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood, Ohio.

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- Older Adult and Caregiver Services
- Crisis Management and Community Services
- Immigration and Resettlement Programs
- Transportation and Medical Accompaniment
- Employment and Career Services, including preparation for Certified Nursing Assistant Program
- Volunteer Opportunities

To learn how you can contribute to JFS, visit our website, **ww.jfsannarbor.org**, or phone **(734) 769-0209**.

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County

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Community

- Secular Humanistic Jewish Community
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- Engaging adult education & social action
- Monthly Shabbat gatherings
- Family holiday observances

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- Two year B'nai Mitzvah program
- Teen community leadership program

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community organizations

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JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER ANN ARBOR

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At the center of a wonderfully diverse and welcoming Jewish community, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor celebrates and strengthens Jewish life at home, in Israel and around the world.

Federation sponsors a wide variety of social, educational, cultural and scholarship programs throughout the year, including seminars and lectures, trips to Israel and community celebrations. Federation's fall "Main Event" brings together hundreds of community members to share an evening of community education and fellowship, and is a highlight of its annual campaign in support of Ann Arbor's vibrant Jewish communal life. The 2010 Main Event will be held on October 12, featuring Dr. Judea Pearl.

The 2010 annual campaign raised over $1.4 million from 1,400 donor families. In addition to supporting local Jewish agencies and overseas partners (see allocations sidebar) the Federation supports projects in Israel and around the world that reflect the unique progressive character of Ann Arbor. The Federation is an active participant in the Michigan/Central Galilee Partnership 2000 project, anchored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Detroit. Since 2007, Ann Arbor has had a special relationship with Moshav Nahalal, involving numerous programs and visits aimed at strengthening the Jewish identity and connectedness of both communities.

The strength of the Federation comes from its many volunteers and active participants in the annual campaign, community programs, affinity groups and committees. The Federation welcomes inquiries from new and existing community members who are interested in exploring ways to be involved or simply to learn more about Jewish life in Washtenaw County.

Jewish Federation Of Greater Ann Arbor 2010 Annual Campaign Allocations

Total Allocations $1,411,279

Allocations to Local Agencies

Chabad	$	5,000
Hebrew Day School	$	107,200
Hillel – EMU	$	11,650
Hillel – UM	$	5,000
Israel Scholarships	$	9,700
Jewish Community Center	$	163,000
Jewish Community Foundation	$	91,274
Jewish Educators Council	$	5,000
Jewish Family Services	$	118,500
Jewish Federation (campaign)	$	142,495
Jewish Federation (community programming)	$	158,711
Jewish Federation (administration)	$	142,520
Jewish Summer Camp Scholarships	$	8,000
Keshet Ann Arbor	$	12,750
Michigan-Israel Business Bridge	$	9,700
Michigan Jewish Professionals	$	500
Reserve for Unmet Pledges	$	40,000
Total Local Allocations	**$**	**1,031,000**

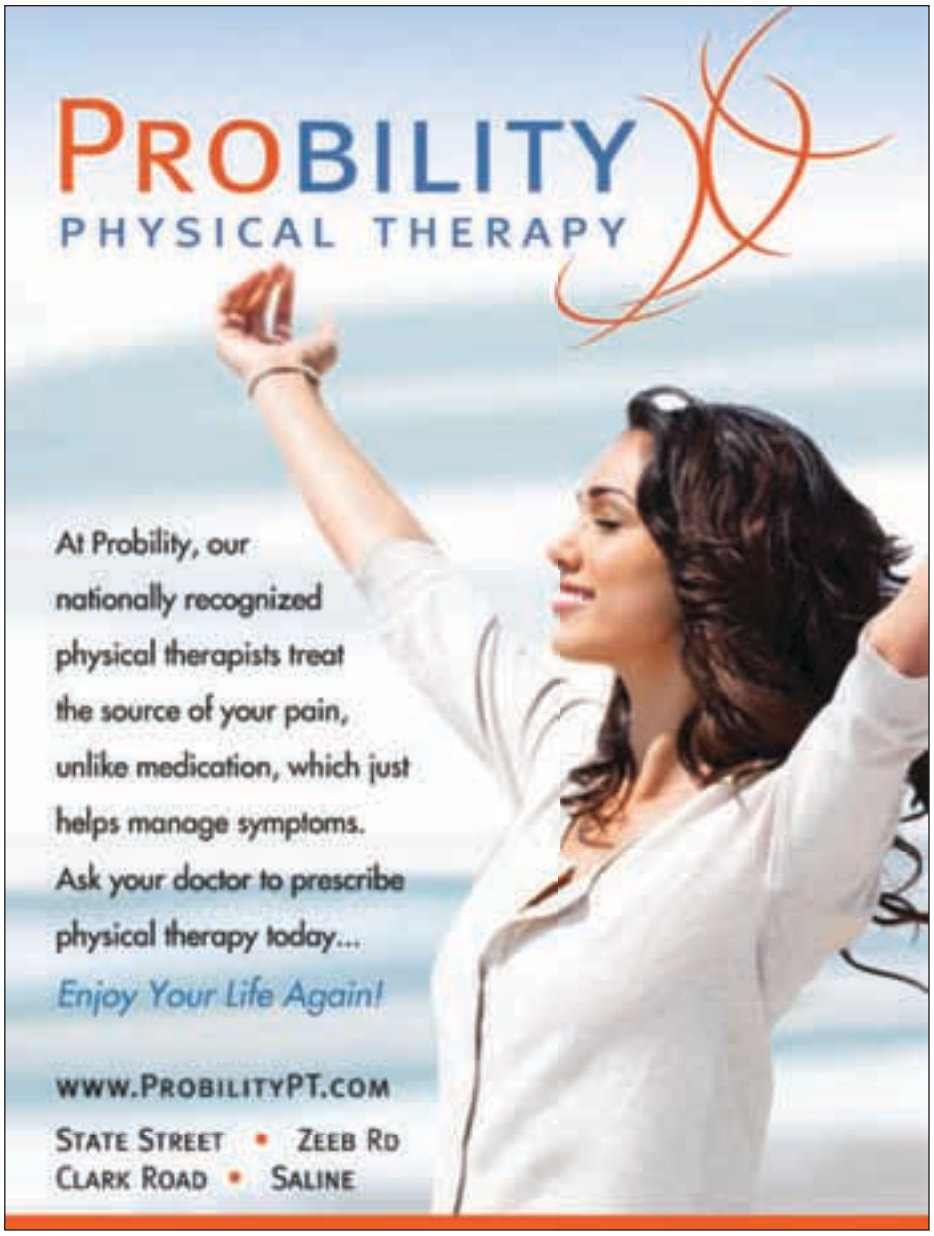
Non-Local Allocations

Birthright Israel	$	5,000
Hand in Hand Schools	$	5,000
JDC Welfare Relief in the FSU	$	25,000
Jewish Council for Public Affairs	$	1,500
Jewish Federations of North America Dues	$	54,979
JFNA Collective Overseas Allocation	$	229,300
Net@ (JAFI)	$	7,500
Parents and Children Together (JDC)	$	5,000
Partnership 2000	$	30,000
Ramle Mediation Center	$	7,000
SELAH Israel Crisis Management Center	$	10,000
Total Non-Local Allocations	**$**	**380, 279**

Note: Total allocations = $1,411,279 less $142,495 Campaign expenses. Campaign expense is 10.1% of total allocations.

A complete explanation of these allocations can be found at www.jewishannarbor.org, under Ways to Give>2010 Allocations Report.

Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor



JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

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The Jewish Community Foundation is operated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and exists to ensure that the high quality of Jewish life will continue in Washtenaw County for community members' children and grandchildren. The Foundation serves as custodian for many of the endowment funds of area Jewish agencies and congregations assisting them to fulfill their future needs and dreams. Beth Israel Congregation, Chabad House, Hebrew Day School, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, Jewish Family Services and Temple Beth Emeth all partner with the Jewish Community Foundation to secure the financial future of the Jewish community.

The Foundation's board of directors is empowered to receive gifts and bequests of cash, stocks and property from individuals, corporations and other entities. The Foundation can help donors fulfill their philanthropic goals while addressing their estate planning and tax needs, through the creation of donor-advised funds, permanent restricted and unrestricted endowment funds, charitable trusts and gift annuities. The Jewish Community Foundation enables donors to assure that the institutions and programs in the community that they value will be available in perpetuity while leaving their own personal legacy in the community.

Contact the director of the Foundation or the executive directors of any of the partner organizations to consult confidentially about planned giving opportunities.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

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Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County (JFS), Your Family in the Community, enhances the lives of individuals and families through social services, education and advocacy. JFS is accredited by CARF, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

OLDER ADULT SERVICES

Geriatric social workers provide case management, assessment, short-term counseling, home visits, crisis intervention, patient advocacy, and information and referrals for older adults and their families. Volunteers provide friendly visiting and telephone reassurance to homebound seniors, as well as accompaniment to medical appointments through the Patient Partners program. In collaboration with the JCC, JFS provides a range of social, educational and cultural programming for seniors.

ELDERLINK

In lieu of a dedicated Jewish senior housing facility, ElderLink offers independent, assisted living and nursing homes, as well as home care agencies, the tools and ability to meet the needs of Jewish seniors. JFS trains staff and caregivers in Jewish culture, history, holidays and the unique needs of Jewish older adults, along with providing Jewish social, educational and cultural programs at their facilities.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES

The JFS Caregiver Concierge program assists adult children caring for aging parents. This program provides support through an extensive menu of services including information and referrals, facilitated introductions to facilities and service providers, monthly "Caregiver Conversations" support groups and educational workshops.

NEW AMERICAN PROGRAM

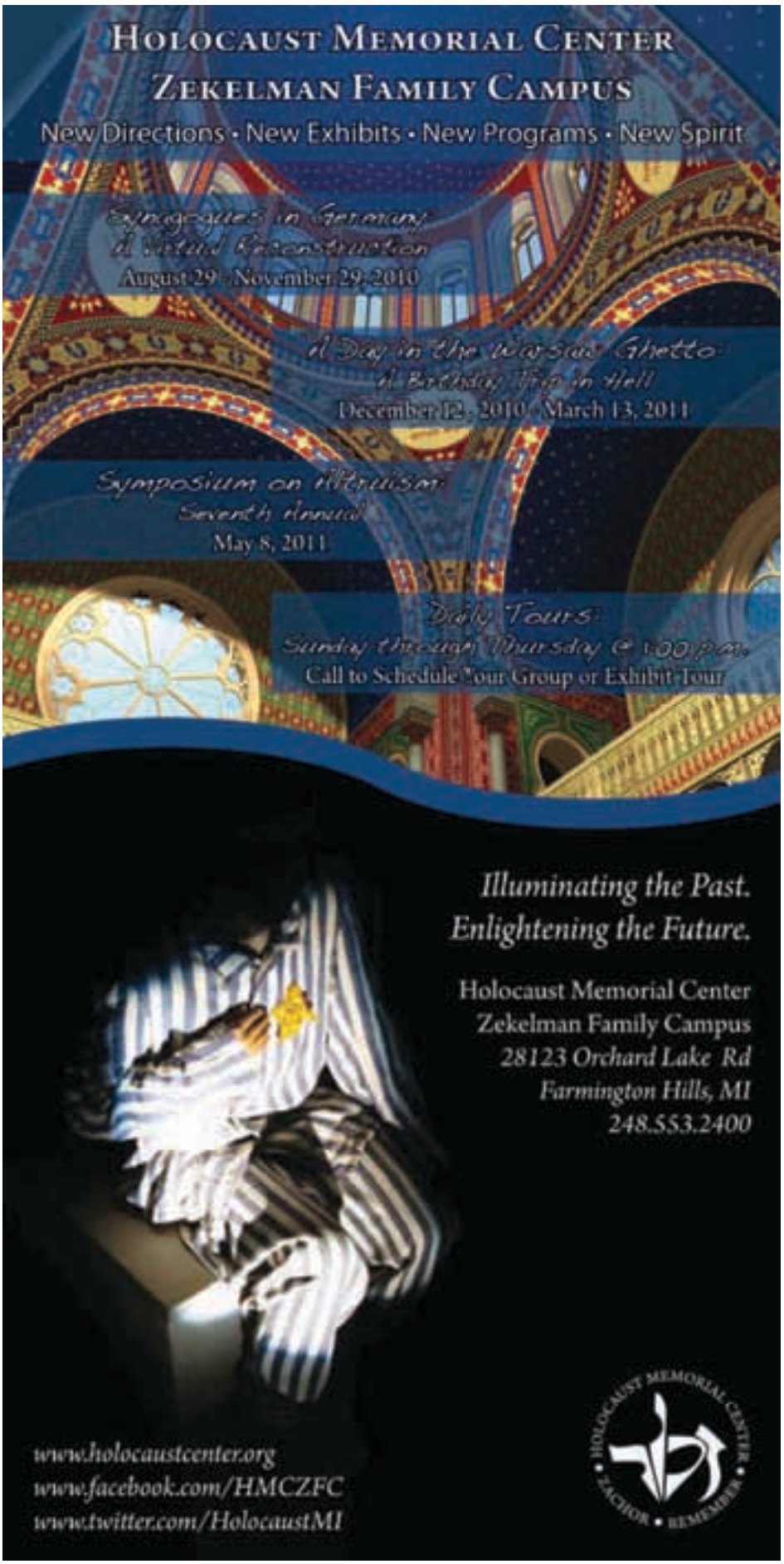
The New American Community Club assists foreign-born older adults in accessing social and medical services, offers direct psychological support and promotes the process of acculturation and integration into the larger community through a variety of support and social services.

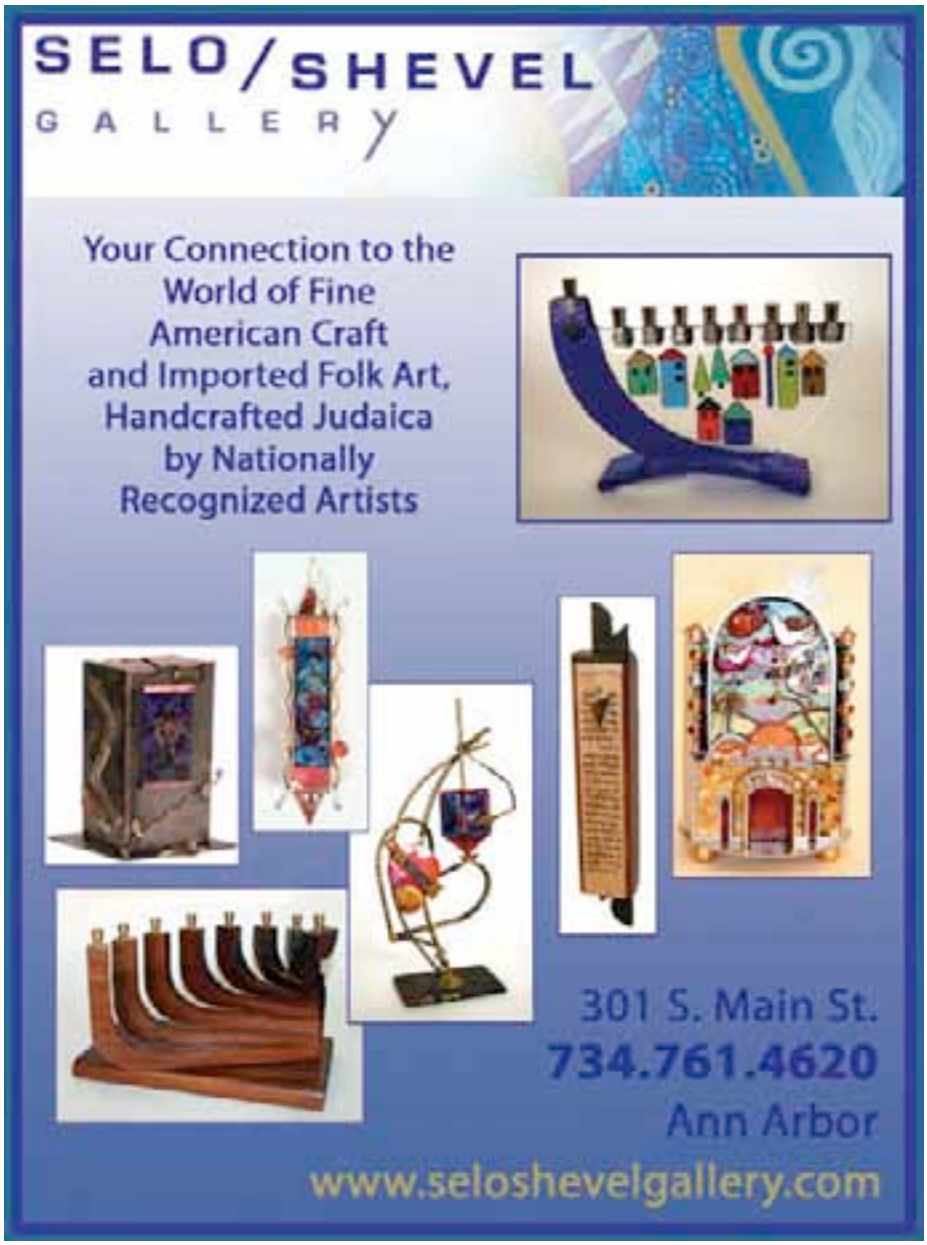
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

JFS offers mental health assessments, short-term counseling and referrals to mental health providers, as well as ongoing support to individuals and families.

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES

JFS provides help with job counseling and search skills, résumé preparation, job retraining and other vocational and support services. The new Caregiving Academy offers preparatory classes for the Certified Nurse Assistant Program at Washtenaw Community College.





RESETTLEMENT SERVICES

JFS helps resettle new immigrants, providing pre-arrival, reception and placement services, and assistance in finding employment, housing and household furnishings. JFS also helps new immigrants with daily English as a Second Language classes.

TRANSPORTATION

The JFS Transportation Program provides older and/or disabled adults with rides to medical appointments, social outings or on errands within the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area. The CareVan has a wheelchair lift and seating for ten. Other vehicles include a minivan and a station wagon to accommodate clients with different mobility issues. Reservations are required at least one week in advance.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

You can make a difference, use your skills and talents, and enjoy a rewarding experience through the JFS Volunteer Program. Volunteers perform an important role in fulfilling the agency's mission of service to the community. Flexible opportunities are available to volunteers of all ages, from young teens to older adults, including:

- Friendly Visitors for older adults
- Patient Partners to assist older adults at doctor's visits
- Professional services such as legal, counseling, and medical/dental
- Administrative and agency support in the office or at special events
- English as a Second Language (ESL) tutors and conversation partners
- Employment services and job searching
- Holiday gift delivery

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The Jewish Community Center (JCC) strives to build a strong and cohesive sense of Jewish community and Jewish

identity. The JCC initiates community-wide programs, brings together a diverse Jewish population, serves as a meeting place for Jewish organizations, and provides high-quality programming for Jewish people of all ages from the youngest child to the oldest adult.

During the year, the JCC holds many popular community wide events, including Apples & Honey (a family event celebrating the Fall Jewish Holidays), the Jewish Book Festival, Jewish Film Festival, a bi-yearly Auction, Family Fun Days, a family Passover celebration and the Matzah Factory with Chabad,

The JCC is also home to the JCC Early Childhood Center, Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Hebrew Day School, Jewish Cultural Society, Reconstructionist Havurah, the *Washtenaw Jewish News,* and a branch office of Jewish Family Services.

JCC SHALOM PROGRAMS

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SHALOM ANN ARBOR

The Jewish Community Center's Shalom Ann Arbor assists relocating families and welcomes them to the Jewish community. The Shalom Ann Arbor Welcome Package is an essential information packet for newcomers or those considering relocating to the city. It includes the *Guide to Jewish Life,* the most recent edition of the *Washtenaw Jewish News*, a half priced membership to the JCC, information on activities in the Jewish community, and more. A volunteer will be available to provide a personal welcome and introduction to Ann Arbor's Jewish community for those who have already moved here.

SHALOM BABY

Shalom Baby welcomes parents, their newborns and newly-adopted children into the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Shalom Baby provides growing families with a Welcome to the World gift bag full of fun and helpful gifts; information on parenting and Jewish resources for parents and families.

JCC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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The JCC Early Childhood Center (ECC) celebrates Judaism in a loving, supportive

environment that encourages children's creativity and spontaneity. The ECC strives to create a growing experience in which children will thrive.

The ECC is accredited by the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC). Programs are provided for children ages 2 months to 5 years. The school offers morning pre-school and full and part-time childcare. In addition, parent/infant and toddler classes, Tot Shabbat, and pre-school enrichment classes are offered on a weekly basis. Songs, dance, holiday celebrations, and weekly Shabbat observance enrich the curriculum along with Shabbat family dinners, literacy events, and parenting programs.

Children are provided an opportunity for active learning that allows them to learn by being involved in their environment and by engaging in activities that encourage personal growth. They are given choices in the way they manipulate a variety of open-ended materials and with adult instructors who support their choices and listen to them. A loving, supportive atmosphere is provided in which a child's creativity and spontaneity are encouraged. A favorable staff-child ratio enhances individual and developmental activities designed to meet the child at his or her level of readiness. The program uses the High Scope approach to Early Childhood Education.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

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Deborah Huerta, youth director

The JCC's afterschool programs provide licensed afterschool care from 3:20-6 p.m. for JCC members in kindergarten through fifth grade. Transportation from certain local elementary schools is available. The Kids' Konnection program for grades K-2 features activities such as crafts, sports, holiday programming, and challah making on Fridays, while Kids' Club caters to the interests of students in grades 3–5 with separate fun activities and homework spaces. A Middle School Helpers program is also available for middle school students.

JCC afterschool enrichment classes offer professional instruction in subjects such

as swimming, tennis, gym games, martial arts, jewelry, clay, scrapbooking, cooking, yoga, lego robotics, basketball, and a wide variety of other interest areas.

Kids' Night Out programs are offered approximately every other month on a Saturday evening. The programs are for grades K–5 and give parents a chance to go out and kids a chance to have an exciting evening of games, crafts, dinner, and a movie.

School's Out / JCC's In programs featuring field trips or special activities are offered from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. whenever Hebrew Day School and/or Ann Arbor Public Schools are closed for a day but the JCC is open. School's Out days are open to students from HDS, AAPS, and other schools and are for JCC members in grades K–5 (middle school students may also participate as helpers for a reduced fee).

Vacation Fun Days programs featuring field trips and special programs are offered daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the December, February, April, and Passover school breaks. Vacation Fun Days are open to students from HDS, AAPS, and other schools and are for JCC members in grades K–5 (middle school students may also participate as helpers for a reduced fee).

JCC Snow Day programs for JCC members in grades K–8 are offered from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. whenever AAPS schools are closed due to winter weather conditions but the JCC is able to safely open. Special activities are run at the JCC on those days.

The JCC also offers afterschool or Sunday afternoon birthday parties featuring themes such as sports, arts and crafts, cartoon characters, and more.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

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Middle School Game Nights for students in grades 6-8 are offered on occasional Saturday evenings. The Game Nights feature movies, dinner, and arcade games at the JCC from 6:30–10 p.m.

The JCC has started a series of Mizvahs & Munchies events for high school students. Each event features a combination of community service /mitzvah projects, social activities, and munchies or dinner. The events are held on Saturday evenings or Sunday afternoons at the JCC or other locations.

The JCC also provides support to Echad BBYO, the Ann Arbor chapter of the B'nai Brith Youth Organization, which is open to teens in 9th–12th grade and organizes social events, community service activities, and leadership training experiences throughout the year

In addition, each summer the JCC takes a team of Ann Arbor athletes ages 13–16 to the JCC Maccabi Games. The JCC Maccabi Games are an incredible opportunity for teens to experience a week of Olympics-style sporting competition, community service, and social activities with Jewish teens from around the world.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

The JCC offers a variety of cultural and educational classes, workshops, and programs to enrich the lives of adults in the local Jewish community. Programming consists of lecture series with guest speakers, film programs, art exhibits, social events, and celebrations of the Jewish holidays, rituals and traditions. Exercise classes including zumba, callanetics, Israeli dancing and volleyball are offered throughout the week. The JCC also houses the Gelman Jewish Heritage Video Collection with over 200 videos for home viewing.

FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Family programming offers opportunities for families to meet, have fun together, and participate in a variety of activities, such as holiday celebrations, family entertainment and recreational outings, family fun days, social action projects, and sporting events. Jewish education and values are incorporated into the programs.

CAMP RAANANA

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Camp Raanana, the JCC's outdoor summer day camp for children entering kindergarten through eighth grade, offers the perfect environment for children to explore new interests, gain self-confidence, interact with other Jewish youth and have fun outside. The camp offers nine one-week sessions each summer and provides swim lessons, arts & crafts, music, Judaics, nature exploration, sports, free swim, Shabbat celebrations, and weekly special events or all-camp field trips.

The camp is located on its own beautiful private beach front at Independence Lake County Park. The facility includes a large

covered pavilion, a swimming beach, playground structures, and access to ball fields, volleyball courts, nature trails, a spray zone and more. The JCC provides round trip school bus transportation from the JCC to Independence Lake.

At Camp Raanana, campers entering grades K-2 enjoy the benefits of experienced and nurturing counselors and enriching activity sessions, including Red Cross swim lessons three times a week. Campers entering grades 3–5 participate in Camp Raanana's swim lessons and other activity offerings, and also choose an enriching weekly specialty such as Boating, Digital Photography, Martial Arts, Lego Mania, Yoga, Drama, Drumming, Clay Creations, World of Sports, Edible Art, Dance, Magic, Jazzy Jewelry, and Silly Science. Campers entering grades 6-8 participate in Camp Raanana's Pioneer Adventure Program, featuring exciting field trips and fun mitzvah projects each week. Camp Raanana also offers a CIT program for entering 9th and 10th graders.

JEWISH CULTURAL ARTS AND EDUCATION

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Self-expression is at the heart of Jewish life and values. Arts and culture play a unique role in conveying Jewish values and traditions from generation to generation and the benefits and impact of arts and culture on our community are immeasurable. The JCC of Greater Ann Arbor & Culture program's wide variety of offerings, including film, music, adult education, lectures, and art, enrich not only the Jewish community but also the community-at-large.

JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

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JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Each April, the JCC in association with the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit and the Michigan Theater, brings the Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival to Ann Arbor.

FLORENCE MELTON ADULT MINI-SCHOOL

The JCC offers the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School beginning each September. The Melton Mini-School offers a rigorous but accessible two-year course of Jewish study. The classes are taught with a pluralistic approach that draws upon the best scholarship from all movements of Judaism.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

The Film Discussion Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month and is led by Russell Collins, executive director of the Michigan Theater and co-host of WEMU's Cinema Chat. Discussions cover not only movie plots and characters but also the unique cinematic elements of film.

ART EXHIBITS

The JCC schedules a variety of art exhibits and programs throughout the year in the Amster Gallery. They may include individual exhibits by local artists, traveling exhibits and exhibits arranged by JCC staff such as the Senior Photography Exhibit, which is scheduled for February and March. There is often programming planned in coordination with these exhibits such as docent tours, talks by the artists and/or audio visual presentations.

JCC MUSIC SERIES

2010 marks the inaugural year for the JCC's quest in high quality music in Ann Arbor. Two concerts willbe offered in the coming year.

GELMAN VIDEO COLLECTION

Through the generous support of Charles and Rita Gelman, the DVDs and tapes of the Jewish Heritage Video Collection (JHVC) are available for rental from the JCC.

JCC OLDER ADULT PROGRAMS

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The Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan is one of Ann Arbor's oldest Jewish organizations. Its roots go back to the mid-1960s, when several University of Michigan faculty families, feeling the lack of an Orthodox minyan in town, began weekly services, gathering in members' homes on a rotating basis. Today the AAOM meets in the University of Michigan Hillel in conjunction with the Hillel student Orthodox Minyan.

Services are held weekly at sundown on Fridays during the school year and between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the summer, depending on the week. Shabbat morning services are at 9:30 a.m. The Shabbat afternoon Mincha service is held a half-hour before sunset year round, followed by Seudah Shlishit and Maariv.

Daily morning services are held in conjunction with Chabad House at 7:30 a.m., Monday-Wednesday at Hillel, and Thursday and Friday, and Sunday (at 9 a.m.) at Chabad House.

A variety of formal and informal learning opportunities are offered during the school year, including Rabbi Glogower's Tuesday evening class: "Topics in Rabbinic Literature" and a short class between Shabbat Mincha and Maariv.

The Minyan sponsors other activities throughout the year, including the annual Shavuot picnic a picnic in the fall and other holiday celebrations, such as Shabbatonim featuring special guests.

ANN ARBOR RECONSTRUCTIONIST HAVURAH

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Reconstructionism is the fastest-growing major branch of Judaism. It views Judaism as an evolving religious civilization that encompasses religious, intellectual and cultural life. It respects both traditions—giving them "a vote, not a veto"—and intellect, as how best to live as Jews in the twenty-first century is explored.

The Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah is an open, welcoming, innovative community that works to integrate Jewish religious tradition and

culture with its member's needs as modern Jews. Since 1993, it has grown to over 60 families and offers all major holidays, Shabbat, and life-cycle events, a Beit Sefer (religious school) and a full schedule of community and cultural activities. The Havurah is a member of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation.

THE COMMUNITY

Informality and a strong sense of community are the essence of a Havurah. Events like a baby-naming or bar / bat mitzvah typically attract a majority of the entire membership. From evenings of song and dance to the annual Sukkot Retreat to monthly sessions in Jewish meditation, the AARH offers members numerous opportunities to regularly or occasionally plug in to a warm, hospitable community.

Many singles, mixed-religion couples and non-traditional families are long-term, active members of the AARH. All find a welcoming and comfortable community.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

The AARH observes Shabbat on the fourth Friday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m. as well as the second Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Fourth Friday services feature a highly-musical Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by an informal potluck dinner. Second Saturdays are also highly musical and feature an extended discussion of the Torah parsha. All Shabbat services take place at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

High Holiday services for Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur day are musical, spiritual and highly participatory, led by long-time Havurah member and rabbinic student Aura Ahuvia. In keeping with the Havurah's belief that prayer should always be free and open to all, non-members are welcome to join the Havurah for High Holiday services; no tickets are required. Children's services and day care are also offered.

Holidays and festivals are cause for great celebration: Simchat Torah, Chanukah and, especially, the annual Purim Party. There's also a community-wide second Seder geared toward the children of the community.

BEIT SEFER (RELIGIOUS SCHOOL)

The Beit Sefer is an innovative, warm and meaningful educational experience for K-6th graders that welcomes the children of AARH members and non-members alike. Combining experience and exuberance, the staff works to help each student find his or her own path to a Jewish identity that includes a grounding in both Jewish religion and civilization. Class topics include: Jewish Living Skills, Prayer and Spirituality, Peoplehood, Israel and Hebrew. Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), is an important part of the curriculum. The Beit Sefer uses a hands-on approach that includes music sessions, crafts, storytelling, plays and Tzedakah (service learning) projects, leading up to bar or bat mitzvah. It's worth noting that the first girl in the United States to become bat mitzvah was the daughter of the founder of Reconstructionism.

The Beit Sefer meets on Sunday mornings during the school year at the Jewish Community Center, Active involvement of parents is encouraged.

Visit the AARH website, www.aarecon.org, to find out more about Reconstructionism and the Havurah. Unless otherwise noted, non-members are welcome at all services and activities on the website calendar.

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION (CONSERVATIVE)

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Established in 1916, Beth Israel has been a vital presence in the spiritual, social and educational lives of its members for 95 years. The congregation, a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is a welcoming and warm community, which fosters a connectedness to its rich tradition, embraces innovative and creative programming, and provides an important support system for its members in times of celebration and in times of need. Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, has served the congregation with distinction for over 20 years. Rabbi Kim Blumenthal, also a JTS graduate, has served as the congregation's first assistant rabbi since 2008.

Beth Israel offers religious services that are traditional in form, egalitarian in nature, and participatory in practice. The services feature a sense of fellowship and community, with congregants taking leading roles in services.

Kabbalat Shabbat services are held throughout the year on Friday evenings at 6 p.m. with frequent late services and programs. Shabbat and holiday morning services begin at 9:30 a.m. In addition to the regular weekly services, there are many special celebrations: a pancake breakfast for Simchat Torah, Sweatshirt Shabbat followed by a cholent kiddush, a Kids Kiddush prepared by the 5th and 6th graders and summer time Friday evening "Barbecue and Barchu's." These and others are all events which further enhance the unique feeling of community at Beth Israel.

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Beth Israel offers many Shabbat morning activities for children. Moadon (an informal gathering place), Kehillat Shabbat (an enhanced Shabbat service for elementary students), and Tot Shabbat (for parents and pre-schoolers) are offered on a set schedule. The High Holidays include alternative family services, as well as enriched programs and services appropriate for different ages of children. The festive Megilla Reading and celebration of Purim, in which both adults and children dress in costume, is one of the highlights of the year. Each year Beth Israel plans and hosts the community-wide *Yom Hazikaron* (Israel Memorial Day) Ceremony.

An egalitarian daily minyan, led by congregants is held Sunday–Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (5 p.m. on winter Sundays.)

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Beth Israel Religious School's mission is to develop and strengthen the Jewish identity of students in kindergarten through twelfth grade by building their knowledge, skills, and commitment to lead full Jewish lives.

The comprehensive curriculum includes study of Torah, holidays, Jewish lifecycle, Israel, Jewish history and contemporary Jewish life, *tefillah* (prayer), *mitzvot* (commandments), ethics, values, Hebrew reading, and Hebrew conversation. Tzedakah and Tikkun Olam projects, family programs, and field trips are all included in the students' educational experience and emphasize the importance of being part of the synagogue and wider Jewish community. The Bar and Bat Mitzvah and Madrichim (leadership) programs provide opportunities for students to continue their Jewish education through high school.

Beth Israel Religious School is the educational arm of Beth Israel Congregation and is guided by the principles of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. BIRS has a dedicated staff of veteran teachers, as well as teachers who are students themselves at local universities or graduate programs. Students, teachers and parents form a community in which the knowledge of Torah, practice of Jewish traditions, and connection to the Jewish people are valued.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Grades K–1 meet Sunday mornings. Grade 2 meets on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons. Grades 3–5 meet on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday.

The youngest students at Beth Israel are introduced to Jewish learning through a program rich in Jewish music, games, stories, and arts and crafts activities. Students learn about Jewish holidays and values, have exposure to the Hebrew language, and engage in tefillah which is age appropriate and interactive. Kindergarten and first grade families celebrate the beginning of formal Jewish education with a Consecration ceremony in the fall, and have other family programs throughout the year. For preschool students and their parents, BIRS offers a Library Story Time several times each year, led by Krickstein Youth Librarian Stacey Tessler.

In second grade, students begin their formal study of Hebrew reading and writing. In the elementary program, students gain proficiency in Hebrew reading, writing, and *siddur* (prayer book) skills. Each Sunday morning there is a period in which students work individually with high school tutors to improve their Hebrew reading. Conversational Hebrew is introduced as a living language, and as a connection with Jews worldwide. In Judaic studies, students learn more about holidays, mitzvot, and values in an activities based curriculum designed to help them experience all facets of Jewish life. Family programs, and Friday night Shabbat celebrations help build the home-school connection.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades 6 and 7 meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Grade 6 also meets on Mondays in the first semester, and on selected Saturday mornings in the second semester. Grade 8 meets on Sunday mornings.

The middle school program addresses the many issues important to students at this time in their lives. The goals for the religious school during the middle school years are to increase learning in both subject areas and skills, while engaging students in quality discussions and activities as they explore their own Jewish identities. Reviewing Jewish lifecycle events, exploring the concepts of mitzvot, contemplating Jewish ethics and values, looking at Talmud and other traditional Jewish texts, learning the history of the Jewish people, thinking about what it means to be a Jew in today's world, coming together as a community each week for tefillot, and engaging in a formal study of conversational Hebrew are all components of the program. Middle school students also engage in several tzedakah and tikkun olam projects throughout the year. Sunday morning programming includes an electives period: each semester 6th and 7th graders choose an elective offered by one of the teaching or rabbinic staff. These electives are academic, but supplemental to the core Judaics curriculum.

Sixth graders attend an weekend retreat at the beginning of the year. A series of Shabbat morning sessions, as well as a series of family programs called the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Series engage students, as well as their parents, in meaningful learning which facilitates the prepara-

tion of students for bar and bat mitzvah individual tutoring.

BIRS works cooperatively with the community to offer conversational Hebrew at an immersion level in the middle school. These classes are designed for students who have attended Hebrew Day School in the past, as well as students who have an extensive Hebrew background from other learning experiences. Students whose families are not Beth Israel members are welcome to attend these classes, and encouraged to call for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Madrichim Program—Through training sessions, seminars and work in various settings throughout the religious school and synagogue, 9th through 12th grade students learn about the various activities and institutions which make up Beth Israel Congregation. They serve as office and library assistants, classroom aides, Hebrew tutors, junior congregation leaders, and as mentors and role models for younger students. In addition to seminars that focus on teacher training and leadership, high school students engage in seminars about Conservative Judaism, text study, Israel, and other topics relevant to their role as emergent leaders in the Jewish community. Each year of high school offers a different focus for the students: 9th grade students form the core of the Hebrew tutoring program, and 10th grade students participate in the Jewish Service Learning Track. 11th and 12th grade students spend most of their time working in the classrooms, with occasional seminars and special activities.

Additional Classes and Programs—High school students are encouraged to take advantage of the Hebrew classes offered through Keshet Ann Arbor. They are also encouraged to participate in informal study sessions with Rabbi Dobrusin or Rabbi Blumenthal, participate in Shabbat morning services as Torah readers or sh'lichai tzibbur (service leaders), come to adult synagogue lectures and events as appropriate, be active in USY or other youth groups, and attend Jewish camps and Israel programs.

ADULT EDUCATION

Beth Israel offers a variety of programs to interest learners of all ages. Beth Israel hosts the community wide Adult Hebrew program, with classes in both Conversational and Biblical Hebrew taught at

several different levels. The Hebrew-In-A-Day program is a great opportunity for those just beginning to learn Hebrew, or for those ready for a quick refresher course. The popular Sunday night lecture series (generally from 7:45–9 p.m., with refreshments) features dynamic presenters from local universities. Many other classes and lectures are offered throughout the year, including a weekly Wednesday Lunch and Learn sessions, text study classes on the weekly Torah portion and other topics, special holiday study sessions, a Mussar Group, courses taught in Hebrew for those who are **f** uent in Hebrew, Passover College, a Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study program, and educational programs facilitated by Rabbi Dobrusin and Rabbi Blumenthal. Beth Israel classes are open to all, regardless of synagogue affiliation.

BETH ISRAEL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

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The Programs Department provides high quality, experiential, and informal Jewish learning opportunities for youth, adults, and families. Programming embraces the full spectrum of Jewish life: cultural, educational, social, religious, and spiritual. Events are meant to reinforce and complement Jewish experiences in the home and beyond. To best achieve these objectives, weekly, monthly, and annual events are offered. These include family education programs, adult programming, Shabbat and holiday programming, youth groups, and other teen programs. Alll events are open to the community.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Throughout the summer Beth Israel offers many outdoor activities. Beth Israel members maintain a community garden at County Farm Park where they grow **f** owers and vegetables. The produce grown is used at Beth Israel kiddushes and synagogue dinners and is donated to Food Gatherers to help others in the community. In July and August, Beth Israel offers events such as Barbecue and Barchu, The Magic of Shabbat, Shabbat in the Park, Pet Shabbat, and Musical Kabbalat Shabbat. In August, the Beth Israel Fair offers a variety of great activities for all ages including a bounce house, face painting, card games, a hot dog lunch, snow cones, and more. Various celebrations on Sukkot, plus ice skating and other outdoor events take place throughout the rest of the year.

QUIZ NIGHT

A highlight of the programming year is the annual multi-media Beth Israel Quiz Night. Adults of all ages compete as teams to answer trivia questions, audio and video clues, and other puzzles in a fun filled, social evening. The Quiz Night takes place in January.

SPECIAL SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

SHABBAT, HOLIDAY AND OTHER SPECIAL MEALS

Beth Israel hosts a number of Shabbat and holiday meals as a way for members to meet others in the synagogue community and enhance one's celebration of Shabbat and holidays. Community members will be able to snack and schmooze in nearby members' Sukkot during the Sukkah Hop. A Congregational Dinner on Erev Simchat Torah will be offered. An "International Shul of Pancakes Breakfast" is available in between the Shaharit Service and the Torah processionals on Simchat Torah. "Latkapalooza" is a latke dinner and Chanukah celebration extravaganza. "Sweatshirt Shabbat" encourages everyone to wear a sweatshirt to a winter Shabbat morning service, followed by Kiddush with a selection of cholents with recipes from the around the world. The "Annual Beth Israel Chinese Dinner at House of Israel Kaifung" takes place on December 24. Teen Shabbat and Kid's Kiddush allow the congregation's teens to run the service, while 5th and 6th graders plan and present the kiddush luncheon which follows.

High Holiday Family Celebration is an Erev Rosh Hashanah happening that is an ideal way for families with pre-school and early elementary school age children to learn about and celebrate the High Holidays in a family-friendly manner. On Rosh Hashanah morning, the Rosh Hashanah Family Service for families with elementary school aged children is an informal, participatory service, usually on the second day of the holiday.

High Holy Day Jr. Congregation Programs: Special, age-appropriate services and educational programs are offered for almost every level at Beth Israel, from preschoolers through 8th grade. With special two-hour programs offered for different age groups, the holidays are celebrated in ways ranging from stories and hands-on activities for the youngest kids to offering older kids opportunities for serious discussion and service-leading. Parents are always welcome to join these services and see what their children are accomplishing and learning.

PROGRAMS FOR TOTS AND THEIR PARENTS

Beth Israel offers a comprehensive program for families with young children. Dinners such as "Bring a Stuffed Animal Friend," Tot Friday Night Dinner, Tot Chanukah Party, and a Tot Sukkot dinner include songs, crafts, and informal educational fun while the twice-monthly Tot Shabbat program on Saturday mornings is a great way for the youngest members to celebrate Shabbat with their families.

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PURIM CELEBRATION

The entire congregation gets into the act by dressing up in costumes (adults as well as children) and participating in a themed Purim Megilla Reading which changes each year. Past events included A Harry Potter Purim, A Star Wars Purim, The Pirates of Purim, and A Star Trek to Purim.

INTERFAITH CONCERT MARKING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Beth Israel is an active member of the interfaith community. The congregation

is encouraged to participate in community interfaith events and often hosts interfaith educational gatherings at the synagogue.

SHABBAT PROGRAMS

Beth Israel offers Shabbat morning Junior Congregation services for children of all ages. Tot Shabbat meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month and offers a Shabbat celebration for preschoolers. Tot Shabbat includes interactive stories and songs, a Torah parade, and a visit from one of the rabbis. On the second Saturday of each month there is also two additional services for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade and children in 3rd through 5th grade. These participatory services both offer kids a chance to learn and lead Shabbat morning songs and prayers and include special activities each month.

YOUTH GROUPS

Beth Israel youth groups offer the opportunity for children in the community to make friends in fun, informal Jewish settings, fostering a more comfortable, familiar feeling toward synagogue life and their Jewish identity. Chalutzim is the youth group for 3rd-5th grade students, and the middle school youth group is Kadima. The oldest kids in Kadima also have the opportunity to take on leadership roles helping to plan and run many of the events as members of the Kadima 8th grade leadership team.

In addition to the Madrichim program through the Beth Israel religious school, high school students at Beth Israel will have events such as a Cedar Point trip, rock climbing and more. During spring break teens will also have the opportunity to participate on a unique service learning trip with Jewish Funds for Justice.

OTHER TEEN ACTIVITIES

At the end of the summer all high school students are invited to a dinner at the home of Rabbi Blumenthal. During the High Holidays, all high school students are invited to participate in a unique Kol Nidre service. The service is led primarily by the teens and includes a discussion session. This teens-only service is a great way for Jewish teenagers to experience the holiday in a meaningful way. Later in the year, all post-bar/bat mitzvah teens are invited to participate in Teen Shabbat,

a Shabbat morning service for the Beth Israel community. Teens conduct the entire service, including reading from the Torah and delivering the D'var Torah.

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Chabad-Lubavitch is a Chassidic movement within Judaism that focuses on the individual's relationship to God and fosters a deep sense of devotion and responsibility toward one's fellow men and women. It is characterized by its emphasis on education and its commitment to lend help wherever it is needed.

The name Chabad is a Hebrew acronym for the three intellectual faculties of: *Chachmah* (wisdom), *Binah (*comprehension) and *Da'at* (knowledge). The Chabad philosophy encourages individuals to understand and recognize the importance and unique mission of each creature, and to refine and govern their every act and feeling through wisdom, comprehension and knowledge.

Chabad House and its Congregation Beth Chabad serve as a "home away from home" for Jewish students, as well as a synagogue and gathering place for families in the Washtenaw County area. Under the guidance of Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein, Congregation Beth Chabad reaches out to all Jews regardless of age, affiliation or level of observance. Located on the University of Michigan campus, Congregation Beth Chabad is dedicated to increasing the understanding and knowledge of Judaism and to actively serving and improving the community.

Jewish education is a high priority at Congregation Chabad, where a wide variety of classes are available on a nearly daily basis. Courses include: Insights into the Torah Portion, Jewish Mysticism (Tanya), Hebrew Language, History and Approaches to Jewish Prayer, Talmud study group, Jewish law and general topics in Judaism. Everyone is welcome regardless of one's previous background, affiliation and level of knowledge. Classes are free of charge and open to the public. Private classes are also available.

Services are conducted year-round in conformance with traditional Jewish law and practice. Hebrew prayer books are available with English or Russian translations. Shabbat evening services begin 15 minutes before sundown Fridays during the school year and at 7 p.m. during the summer. Shabbat morning services begin at 9:45 a.m. Shabbat afternoon and evening services 40 minutes before sundown year-round. Daily services are held in conjunction with the Hillel Orthodox Minyan, starting at 7:30 a.m. during the week and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday, Thursday and Friday morning services

take place at Chabad House; Monday through Wednesday services are held at Hillel.

Chabad plays an active role in the local Jewish community. Holiday highlights include shofar making at the JCC's Apples and Honey event, Chanukah adult and children's programs, distribution of *shalach manot* (gift baskets) for Purim and a Passover matzah bakery.

Chabad provides a place where life-cycle events can be commemorated and celebrated. Jewish services offered throughout the year include rabbinical advice, information and help on koshering home kitchens, provision of religious articles at cost, renting furnished rooms for students and visitors, providing Shabbat and holiday hospitality, meals, counseling, lectures and classes. Judaic and bar/bat mitzvah tutoring for children and adults is offered.

Chabad House facilities are available to all Jews in the community for the pursuit of Jewish knowledge and for contact with other Jews. Its hospitality and home-like atmosphere are appreciated by students and by visitors to the area. A Rosh Chodesh group for women only is provided and a mikvah is located on the premises (see Women's Organizations). Congregation Beth Chabad also offers a wide array of other services and programs, including adult education and a Judaic Library/CD ROM library (see Jewish Education). Chabad House is also a center for Jewish students at the University of Michigan (see Campus Organizations). For children, Chabad offers Torah Enrichment Program and a winter and summer day camp, and Camp Gan Israel. (See Youth Activities.)

JEWISH CULTURAL SOCIETY

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The Jewish Cultural Society is a secular humanistic organization, promoting Jewish ethics, values, history, and culture. It provides a community for those whose Jewish identification is primarily with culture, history, and family. Founded in 1965, the Jewish Cultural Society stresses the cultural aspects of Jewish traditions, Jewish history as a source of ethics and strength, and the values of humanism

and social justice found in both modern and historical Judaism. The community offers enriching adult educational and social programs, Jewish holiday celebrations, life cycle events, social action opportunities, an engaging Sunday school, and a B'nai Mitzvah program. The JCS also runs several community-wide events including Tu b'Shevat at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, a family Chanukah celebration and bazaar, and a festive Sukkot program.

The JCS takes pride in the fact that the membership is diverse. All individuals and families—young and elderly, traditional and nontraditional, Jewish or intercultural—who wish to express their Jewishness from a secular humanistic perspective, are welcome. Nearly half of the member families are intercultural or interfaith. The JCS celebrates all Jewish holidays (including monthly Shabbat/Havdalah, High Holidays, Hanukkah, and Pesach) and life-cycle celebrations through a secular humanistic lens. Jewish tradition is interpreted by focusing on the relationships between people and community efforts to improve the world.

The Jewish Cultural Society is based at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and is affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, the Michigan Coalition of Secular and Humanistic Jews, and the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Secular humanistic Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur observances, primarily in English, are offered every fall at the Jewish Community Center. The messages of the High Holiday observances are reflection, responsibility, and forgiveness. The observances are a rededication to communal and individual actions that improve the community and the world. Songs are sung in Hebrew,

Yiddish, and English and are led by the Jewish Cultural Society choir. The Jewish Cultural Society observes Tashlich along the banks of the Huron River. Tashlich begins with a potluck lunch that is followed by an observance and discussion. The Jewish Cultural Society community also comes together for a "Break-the-Fast" potluck after Yom Kippur. All observances are free to members and open to the public for a small charge.

Other holiday celebrations are coordinated by Sunday school parents, and include a Sukkot Harvest Celebration, a Chanukah party, and a Purim carnival. A wonderful annual Jewish Cultural Society event is the Tu b'Shevat celebration of the trees at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in the midst of Michigan's winter, which emphasizes the theme of personal responsibility for the environment. Incorporated in the Tu B'Shevat celebration is a walking seder with fruits and seeds of the Middle East; a scavenger hunt through the Botanical gardens; crafts; music and story-telling; workshops on sustainability, environmental protection, and recycling by local environmental and business professionals; and a community action area where local conservation and environmental groups staff stalls with literature and goods.

The Jewish Cultural Society holds a popular community-wide vegetarian potluck Second Night Seder each Passover, using a contemporary Haggadah that was developed by members. The seder includes songs and poetry, and offers a spotlight for JCS students to participate in the readings. The seder emphasizes the continuing need to work for freedom throughout the world.

SHABBAT OBSERVANCES

The recognition of Shabbat as a time to step away from one's daily life and focus on family is an important part of Secular Humanistic Jewish practice. The Jewish Cultural Society community meets for Shabbat on the first Friday of each month, and these Shabbat celebrations are open to the whole community. Shabbat is celebrated through secular Jewish readings; singing; candle lighting, challah, and wine rituals; and a Yahrtzeit observance to remember loved ones. Following the Shabbat observance, the community shares a catered dinner from a local Ann Arbor restaurant. Following

dinner educational or social programs are offered. The after dinner program may be celebrating a life-cycle event with a family or JCS class; student B'nai Mitzvah presentations, discussing a topic of interest, playing Jewish Jeopardy for Jewish Literacy month, or participating in a community service activity. The First Friday Shabbat is celebrated at the JCC and participants of all ages are welcome.

Tot Shabbat is run concurrently with the First Friday Shabbat Observance. Tot Shabbat is a wonderful way to welcome in the weekend with other families of early elementary age and younger children. The Jewish Cultural Society's interactive Tot Shabbat begins with a short and upbeat celebration geared to young kids with lots of singing and dancing. Following Tot Shabbat, the youngster join their parents for dinner before making holiday-themed crafts, reading stories, and singing songs with the Tzofim who help run the Tot Shabbat program. Tot Shabbat is celebrated at the JCC.

A bi-monthly celebration of Havdalah distinguishes between the quietness and introspection of Shabbat and the activity of the rest of the week. Celebrated at members' homes, the community begins Havdalah with a modern, secular humanistic observance. Following the Havdalah observance, JCS families welcome the new week with a potluck dinner. Children are welcome and participate in the celebration of Havdalah.

LIFE CYCLE OBSERVANCES

Life cycle observances, a central part of the Jewish Cultural Society, include baby namings, bar and bat mitzvah celebrations, weddings, funerals, memorials and unveilings. Julie Gales, the JCS' Madrikha or ordained leader, develops these ceremonies by collaborating with families celebrating or observing life cycle events resulting in a highly personalized and meaningful experience. Gales also presides over the events, The Jewish Cultural Society's Memorial Garden is at Arbor-crest Cemetery in northeast Ann Arbor.

Second grade students have a special Shabbat ceremony dedicated to affirming their Jewish names. This annual community-wide life cycle event provides the 2nd grade class with the opportunity to learn about the people for whom they are named and, in the case of some students, to choose a Hebrew name for themselves.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Jewish Cultural Society holds Sunday school for young people throughout the school year (see description below). Jewish learning continues after bar or bat mitzvah with an eighth-grade Sunday school class and the Teen Community Leadership Program (TCLP) for high school students. The eighth grade class curriculum focuses on Jewish ethics and social action projects. The eighth graders also plan monthly social activities that contribute to group cohesion and strong friendships. High school students participate in the TCLP which includes leadership development, student led social action projects, and group activities. The TCLP also provides an opportunity for students to work as aides in the classroom and at community-wide events. The post bar/bat mitzvah age youth also attend the annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations' conference that takes place each Memorial Day weekend in different locations across North America.

The community offers Sunday morning adult education programs twice a month throughout the school year. A lecture series on Jewish History/World Events has addressed African Jews, Prejudice against and by the Jews, American governmental and corporate actions during the Holocaust, the situation in Gaza, and other probing topics. Sunday Schmoozes provide an opportunity for all members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community to meet local scholars and community leaders for an informal discussion of Jewish topics and politics. Recent topics have emphasized Secular Humanistic Judaism; environmental sustainability, improving family life; social action/social justice issues; Jewish cooking; the roots of Chanukah, and historic, political, or current events.

The adult b'nai mitzvah class meets bi-weekly. Participants, in collaboration with the leader, plan the curriculum content and pace. The adult mitzvah ceremony culminates the approximately two-year program.

A Mid-winter Forum hosts scholars of local, national, or international prominence to address a pressing issue of the day, an advance in understanding Jewish history, or a means to enrich the celebration of secular Jewish life. Recent Mid-winter Forum speakers include Dr. Adolfo Roitman, curator of the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem and Dead Sea Scroll Scholar, and Rabbi Sherwin Wine, founder of Humanistic Judaism. The upcoming Mid-winter forum will address issues of Intermarriage.

SOCIAL ACTION

Social action is at the heart of Secular Humanistic Judaism. A firm belief that Jews are responsible and accountable for one's own history, actions, and future motivates JCS members to view Tikkun Olam, or "Repairing the World," as a very high priority.

The Social Action Committee (SAC) of JCS is active in Tikkun Olam by keeping members up to date about current issues of interest, including the Middle East conflict. This summer, the SAC offered JCS teens the opportunity to design a project to help bring down barriers between Washtenaw County Jews and Palestinians. In the fall of 2010, educational events are planned to discuss approaches to peace in the Middle East. JCS may be unique in that members are encouraged to speak freely about all social issues, no matter how controversial. The JCS community believes that respectful, open dialogue with each other is the best way to solve problems.

JCS students participate in tzedakah at Sunday school. Each class identifies a social action project of interest, and they raise tzedakah money to donate. Community service is also a major part of the bar/bat mitzvah program described below. Last year, JCS teens and parents dedicated a Sunday morning to help clean up Island Park on the Huron River.

Anyone interested in social action should contact the SAC to discuss current projects you might find rewarding. Contact Kris Freeark, the JCS Social Action Committee chair, to learn more about current social action projects at the community email address: jcs@jccfed.org.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

In addition to the social action activities and adult education lectures and forums, the Jewish Cultural Society holds regular social activities for adult members. Pourin' for Purim is the community's annual wine and cheese event. Lager for Lag b'Omer is the annual fundraiser.

The Jewish Cultural Society's monthly Rosh Hodesh gatherings celebrate the new Jewish month through a short

celebration, discussions, and socializing amongst the community's women. Some of the Rosh Hodesh activities include the annual Apple Cake Bake for the high holidays, sharing books for Jewish Book Month, Rejuvenating Our Spirits at Hanukkah, tying baby blankets to help the Corner Health Clinic in Ypsilanti, and celebrating Pesach with a women's seder.

The Jewish Cultural Society's Third Friday Chavurah for the community's older members takes the form of a monthly potluck held in rotation at the homes of its members. Meeting regularly since the 1980s, the group has spawned close friendships and lively conversations.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Jewish Cultural Society holds Sunday school for young people throughout the school year. Students who become bar or bat mitzvah and complete their 8th grade year, return as members of the Teen Community Leadership Program and are paid for their work as aides in the classroom, at community-wide events, and assisting in the JCS office. The TCLP members, as well as other Junior and Senior High School age students plan social action events together, organize social action projects, and staff the Jewish Cultural Society booth at Apples and Honey, the Ann Arbor Jewish community event welcoming the fall holiday season. Additionally, TCLP members run the crafts and games at the Jewish Cultural Society's Hanukkah Party, Purim Carnival, and celebrate Tot Shabbat with preschool and young elementary age students on the first Friday of each month. Youth who are bar/bat mitzvah age or older are encouraged to attend the annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations conference, which takes place each Memorial Day.

JEWISH CULTURAL SCHOOL

The Jewish Cultural School is the Sunday school program of the Jewish Cultural Society. Its mission is to ensure that each student is exposed to the full range of diversity and variety in Jewish culture and history. The school runs from September to May and provides preschool through eighth-grade classes.

The Sunday school program provides young people with opportunities to learn about Jewish life from historical, cultural, and ethical perspectives. Jewish holidays are discussed with emphasis on their relevance today. The children also study Jewish life in biblical times and the Middle Ages; Jewish culture in Europe, the Middle East and America; anti-Semitism and the Holocaust; and Secular Humanistic Jewish philosophers. The sixth grade students takes a field trip to the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills. Hands-on activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, music, dance and drama are integrated into the curriculum at every level. Although everything is taught in English, students are introduced to basic key words in Hebrew and Yiddish. The curriculum continually evolves with the help of student, parent, and teacher input.

Parent involvement in the Jewish Cultural School is welcome and encouraged. Parents may teach, help in their child's classroom, or help in the planning and running of holiday celebrations.

B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

The Jewish Cultural School B'nai Mitzvah program offers a truly unique and meaningful way to transition children into Jewish communal life. This program begins in sixth grade and is a two-year process that includes independent research on Jewish topics of interest chosen by the students. Participants distill the information into short oral presentations given at the First Friday Shabbat observance or other gatherings of the families of the b'nai mitzvah class. The topics have covered everything from Masada to shtetl life in Russia to Marc Chagall to Black/Jewish Relations in the Civil Rights Movement. The students also research their own families' stories, and work on a Jewish identity Project that helps them to solidify their own ideas about what it means to be Jewish. In keeping with the Secular Humanistic Jewish emphasis on social action, there is a 30-hour community service commitment to a project chosen by the student. Students have worked for Meals on Wheels, Food Gatherers, Lurie Terrace, Therapeutic Riding Stables and many other local organizations.

This effort culminates in a bar or bat mitzvah celebration, usually during the seventh grade. Each ceremony is a unique collaboration written by the students and their parents with help from the Julie Gales, the JCS' madrikha, who preside over the events. Students usually present their research topic at their mitzvah event. In addition, since

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the Jewish Cultural Society's focus is on Jewish history and culture, each student who celebrates their bar or bat mitzvah in the community incorporates a cultural presentation (whether musical, literary, humorous, or artistic) into their mitzvah event. The mitzvah celebrations are held at the Jewish Community Center or another location of the bar/bat mitzvah family's choice.

After bar or bat mitzvah, students are encouraged to continue in the eighth grade, join the Teen Community Leadership Program, and become Sunday school *tzofim* (classroom aides), providing a vehicle for them to maintain active in the Jewish Cultural Society.

PARDES HANNAH

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Pardes Hannah, Ann Arbor's Jewish Renewal Community, provides an intimate setting to enter deeply into prayer through chanting, kabbalistic meditation, movement, traditional davening, and openhearted engagement with Torah. Pardes Hannah offers Shabbat morning and Kabbalat Shabbat services, Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services and a variety of spiritual and educational study sessions and celebrations throughout the cycle of the Jewish year.

Pardes Hannah meets the 2nd Shabbat of the month for Shabbat morning services held at Beth Israel Annex, 2010 Washtenaw Avenue and then during the month alternate (usually on the 4th Shabbat) with a Shabbat morning learners minyan (held at Beth Israel Annex), the third meal — "seudat shilshit"— singing table melodies and learnings from Jewish mystical texts, or Kabblat Shabbat services (held at people's homes). Check the website for dates, location and more information.

Services are led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg, founder and spiritual leader of Pardes Hannah, and other skilled leaders in the group. In the tradition of Jewish Renewal communities (see www.aleph.org), Pardes Hannah is committed to strengthening the three pillars of Jewish life—prayer, study, and action. The goals of Jewish Renewal are to empower individuals to respond to the call of Torah and to provide the resources that assist individuals and communities in the search for a meaningful, Jewish spiritual practice. Jewish Renewal draws on the well- springs of Jewish tradition, on sacred texts, mystical practices, historical currents, artistic expression, and individuals' own inner truths.

TEMPLE BETH EMETH

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Temple Beth Emeth is a Reform Congregation, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, committed to enhancing religious life in Ann Arbor through religious, spiritual, cultural, educational, social action and social programming. The congregation strives to create a sense of family, a "caring community," for all its members—a place in which its members can celebrate their joys or share difficult moments surrounded by people who care. This year the congregation's programming will focus on the theme of sustainability—"Sustaining Ourselves, Our Community and Our World." Stay connected to TBE through the new face of their website and become a "friend" on Facebook.

Prayer is the heart of their congregation. Providing a spectrum of Shabbat services is one of the ways TBE meets the needs of a diverse congregation. Each Shabbat TBE celebrates with a variety of services that reflect the various needs and spiritual journeys of their members. Every Friday evening there is a 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat service followed by dinner, and at 7:30 p.m., a service using the Reform prayer book, *Mishkan Tefilah*. New this year is a service created for children from kindergarten through lower elementary grades called Sukkat Shalom, "shelter of peace." Led by Rabbi Levy and Cantor Rose, Sukkat Shalom includes songs, Torah, and prayer designed to engage younger members. Parents and children are invited to join Tot Shabbat families for dinner at 6 p.m., then join in the chapel for Sukkat Shalom. Both the Tot and Sukkat Shalom Services conclude with a "popsicle oneg Shabbat" at 7 p.m.

Shabbat morning begins with a Torah study led by Rabbi Levy at 8:50 a.m. followed by a lay and clergy led Saturday Morning Minyan, under the leadership of Rabbi Delson, at 9:30 a.m. Clergy lead the traditional service in the sanctuary at 10 a.m.

There are many opportunities for special Shabbat celebrations throughout the year, such as Sisterhood Shabbat, New Member Shabbat, A Shabbat Celebration of Membership, and others. A detailed schedule of services is posted on the TBE website, www.templebethemeth.org.

Holidays provide the perfect venue for festive events. TBE has a family Sukkot picnic with sukkah decorating. Simchat Torah combines study and dance. The Family Chanukah Service and the Brotherhood Latke Dinner have become TBE traditions. The Second Night Seder celebrates Passover in the spirit of community. A meaningful Yom HaShoah/ Holocaust Memorial Service is written and led by the Generations After group, children of survivors..

MUSIC

ADULT CHOIR

Jewish music plays an important role at TBE under the direction of Cantor Annie Rose. The Adult Choir, Kol Halev, sings during High Holy Day services, on a monthly basis at Friday night services and at concerts throughout the year. Veterans of two international concert tours and several concerts with the Ann Arbor Symphony, Kol Halev members also present concerts throughout Michigan, including an annual concert with the adult choir of St Clare's Episcopal Church.

YOUTH, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ENSEMBLES

The Youth Choir, with members in grades 3-5, performs in services and concerts at the temple and in the community. The annual Main Street Sing is a highlight for singers and families.

Middle School Shir Chadash and High School Shir Chadash, the student choral and instrumental ensembles, perform in services and concerts and periodically hold "Cafe" evenings of music in an informal cafe atmosphere. High School Shir Chadash travels each year to other communities to lead services and give concerts.

A late-winter concert by all four ensembles is one of the highlights of the year.

SOCIAL ACTION

The mission of the Social Action Committee of Temple Beth Emeth is to assist the congregation in applying Jewish values to promoting social justice through aid, education, and advocacy. These efforts to promote *tikkun olam* are concentrated on selected issues each year that are of concern to local or global communities. Social action has a prominent role at TBE, taking many forms.

The committee's priorities for involvement and programs for the coming year include: Hunger and Poverty, Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery, and a continued focus on Israel—Palestine relations.

Ongoing activities include supporting and working at The Back Door Food Pantry, jointly run with St. Clare's Episcopal Church; maintaining the vegetable garden for the pantry located on the congregation's property; long-time involvement with the local Interfaith Hospitality Network/Alpha House; volunteering at the Delonis Center; and several other

community outreach programs. Mitzvah Day is an annual one-day service event with several hundred TBE volunteers providing services to agencies in the county.

SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD

The Sisterhood is a vibrant organization with broad-based activities that support both its members and the congregation as a whole. Members also run the gift shop that offers a wide selection of Judaica, gifts, and special order items. Brotherhood is both a service and educational group for the congregation, sponsoring the latke dinner, building the sukkah, and holding both social and educational meetings for its members. (See additional sections on Men's and Women's organizations for details.)

TEMPLE BETH EMETH ADULT EDUCATION/PROGRAMS

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ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Jewish learning is a life-long pursuit that takes on many forms. TBE offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for adults, at every entry point. They include semester courses in special topics, Basic Judaism courses, study with Rabbi Levy, Cantor Rose and Rabbi Delson, weekly Shabbat Morning Torah Study, a Shabbaton (extended Shabbat programming) with a scholar-in-residence, book clubs, bi-monthly Men's and Women's Torah Study, holiday educational programs, and a themed lecture series. Cantor Rose will again be facilitating a Spirituality Book Club this year, offered as both on an evening and daytime class. Programs are open to temple members and to members of the community-at-large.

CARING COMMUNITY

The Caring Community program provides a congregation-wide opportunity to serve fellow congregants in times of joy and sorrow. Through the Caring Community Volunteer Corps (CCVC) congregants assist each other with meals for families with new babies, for congregants that are ill or recovering from surgery, or for a house of mourning. CCVC also provides rides during the day to doctor's appointments and rides to and from services and events at TBE.

Bikkur Cholim provides regular visits to members of the TBE community who are in the hospital, nursing or assisted living centers, or at home. Nachamu (TBE's Bereavement Group) conducts *shiva* services at congregants' homes and provides training for others to participate in this mitzvah. Caregivers support groups meet often to support adult children caring for parents locally and out of town.

New Beginnings is a group that explores issues of conversion and shares information for those who are new to Judaism. Jewish meditation workshops and sessions are held throughout the year; all levels are welcome.

Caring Community is facilitated by the director of Congregational Services, with the assistance of congregant leadership who are committed to making TBE an inclusive and participatory community.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Services and special celebrations are planned throughout the year on festivals and other holidays. During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the congregation offers traditional services along with family services, youth services, and a service for tots and their parents. High Hoiday Services are held at Pease Auditorium on the Eastern Michigan Unversity campus on both Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre, and the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Afternoon and concluding Yom Kippur Services return to the temple on Packard Street. There are separate services each holiday for AARTY. Community members may purchase tickets by contacting the office or using the order form on the website. University students are welcome to attend the services at no charge. Call the office to arrange for tickets.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah include an outdoor sukkah decorating party, services, Israeli dancing and multiple adult study opportunities. The Brotherhood sponsors a latke dinner each Chanukah, which is followed by a service lit by everyone's menorahs. On December 25, the congregation always sponsors a movie at the Michigan Theater. Since this year the 25th is on Shabbat, a program held at the temple in the afternoon will replace the morning movie.

In the spring, a large annual second night seder is held. Every year, the Generations After group (TBE children & relatives of survivors) write a meaningful Yom Hashoah service for the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day and a supplemental afternoon service for Yom Kippur. Spring brings a fun megillah reading, an adult Purim ball, and Purim carnival. Shavuot brings the special confirmation service that is written and led by the confirmation class as well as an evening of adult study.

TOT PROGRAMS

TBE offers a weekly 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat service conducted by Rabbi Robert Levy and Cantor Annie Rose followed by dinner. Tot Chanukah, held in conjunction with the annual family service has become a popular event, and tot activities are part of the annual Purim carnival. Caring Community provides baby bags to welcome the newest members of the TBE community. TBE's tot-friendly website offers songs, stories, and blessings: www.tbetots.org.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

TNT, the 20's and 30's group at TBE for young Jewish adults, single or married, meets for both cultural and social events. Canoeing, an Iron Chef cooking event, potluck Shabbat dinners, and volunteering at community organizations are some of the events done over the past few years. TNT frequently co-sponsors events with other local Jewish young adult groups. The Renaissance Group (RG), for members who are aged 55 and over, holds potluck dinners, game nights, and attends theater events, as well as other social activities in an effort to encourage connections among members who no longer have children in the Religious School. Ruach (pronounced Ru'akh, meaning 'spirit'), is for members who feel they are in-between TNT and RG and are looking for active programs. Previous events have been apple picking at Wiards Orchard, a bowling night and a Passover Wine Tasting.

TEMPLE BETH EMETH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Temple Beth Emeth strives to educate its students to become proficient in the skills needed to be life-long Jewish learners. TBE believes that this is best accomplished within the framework of a vibrant Jewish community. TBE provides students with a curriculum based on Reform Jewish educational philosophy in a manner that is creative, engaging and intellectually stimulating. TBE employs high-quality teachers who are knowledgeable, enthusiastic and committed to Judaism. TBE involves the families of its students in a variety of exciting family education programs.

The Religious and Hebrew School programs serve students from preschool age through grade 12. The curriculum includes studies in areas such as customs and traditions, Torah, holidays, life cycle, prayer, music, history, theology, Israel, immigration, comparative Judaism, the Holocaust and Jewish ethics. The curriculum is based upon recommendations from the Union of Reform Judaism. There are 375 students enrolled in the school.

LOWER GRADES

Religious School for preschool-5th grade students is held at TBE on Saturday mornings in two sessions: 8:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Shabbat mornings are filled with singing, Israeli dance, stories, the study of Jewish history, Torah, Israel, mitzvot, ethics and holidays. Each grade has a different focus and the approach is an active hands-on one where students are guided in their learning by teachers who are knowledgeable and have a love of Judaism.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

A monthly parent-child class focusing on Jewish holidays and home rituals is available for three-year-olds. There are family social and educational programs for each grade level. We offer parenting workshops on a variety of topics throughout the year. A Jewish artist is invited to perform for students and their families each year. On Shabbat morning there is an adult Torah study session, followed by services in the chapel, during the first session of Religious School. These activities help to develop a sense of community and encourage parents to continue their own educational growth.

HEBREW

Students are introduced to the Hebrew alphabet in second grade, and formal Hebrew School begins in third grade and continues through sixth grade. The Hebrew program focuses on Hebrew reading skills and an understanding of the meaning and structure of the prayers. Students are introduced to conversational Hebrew and grammar. TBE offers Conversational Hebrew in 8th grade and many of TBE's high school students study Conversational Hebrew through Keshet, the Community Resource Hebrew Program sponsored by TBE and the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH TRAINING

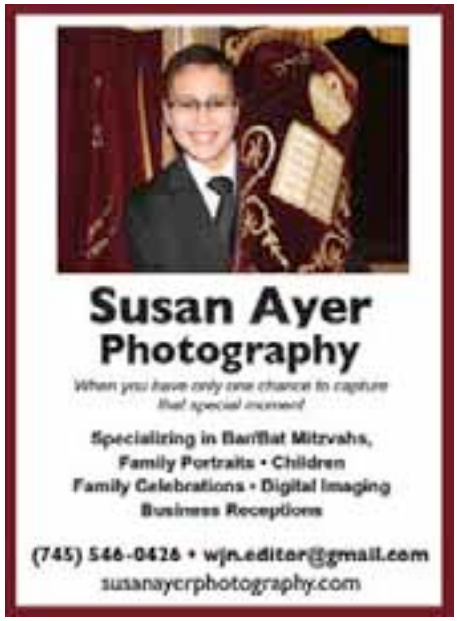
Cantor Annie Rose offers a bar/bat mitzvah training program in which she teaches students individually as well as in small groups. Students meet with the rabbi to work on their *drash*/speech.

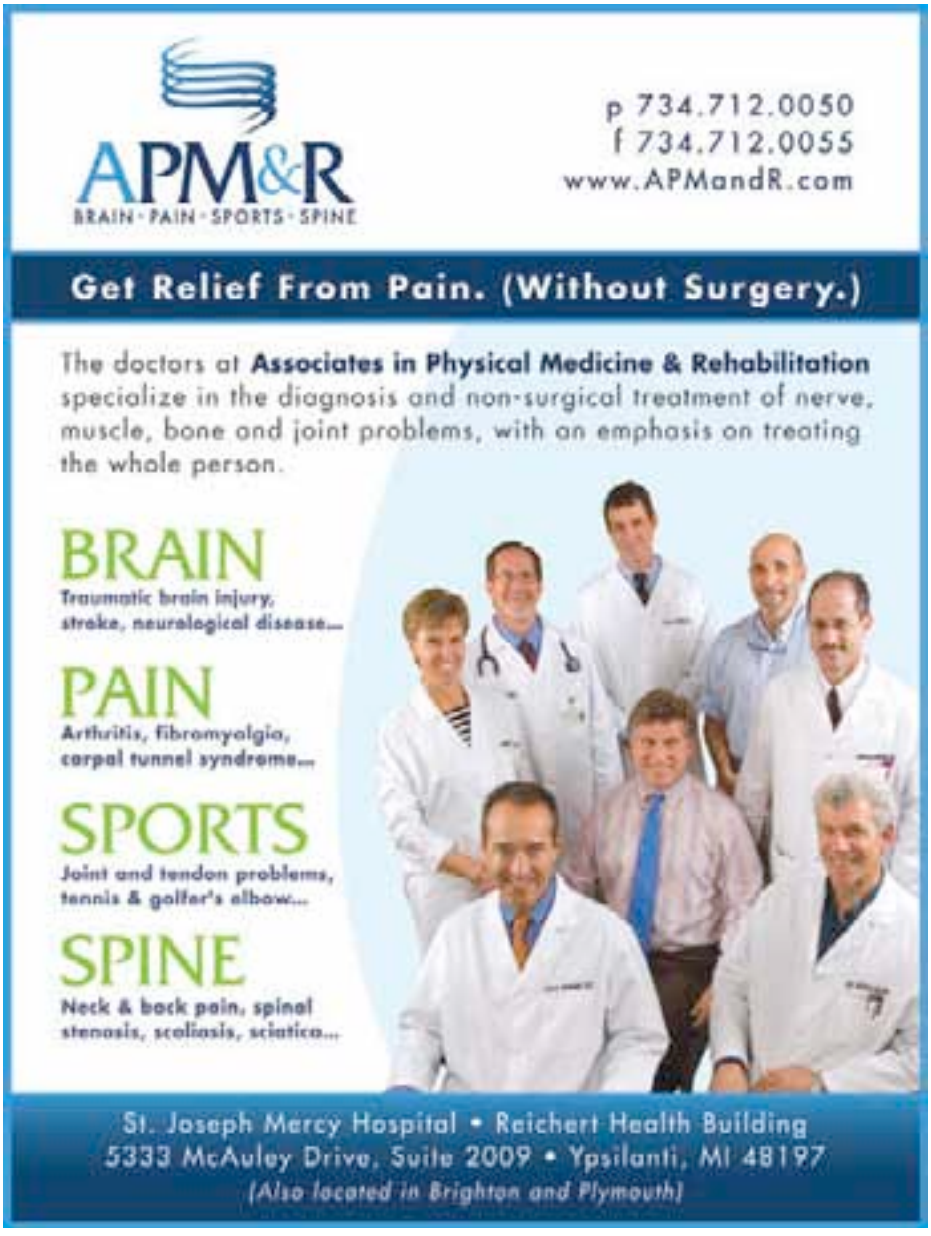
MUSIC

Students enjoy a strong Jewish music program, led by experienced song leaders as part of the weekly Saturday morning program. Cantor Annie Rose leads a youth choir for students in grades 3–5 and Shir Chadash, vocal and instrumental groups for middle and high school students. These musical groups are very popular and meet at times that are coordinated with Hebrew and Religious School sessions. The students have a variety of opportunities to perform throughout the year

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sixth through twelfth grades have class on Sunday evenings from 6–7:30. p.m. The 170





students participating in this program enjoy sharing pizza and social time before the formal class session begins. Seventh graders study mitzvot and participate in a variety of social action projects. The eighth grade class, which studies modern Jewish history, ends with a trip to Jewish New York. The tenth grade confirmation class is taught by Rabbi Levy and culminates in a Shabbat service which is written and led by the students. Eleventh and twelfth grade seminar options include courses such as "Contemporary Jewish Culture, " "Repair the World: Being the Change," and "Family Relations in the Book of Genesis".

MADRICHIM PROGRAM

Ninth grade students participate in a year-long training program, which prepares them for working as a *madrich*/a (classroom aide). Students in grades ten through twelve work as office or classroom aides. The 47 madrichim who worked in the classrooms last year served as positive role models for the younger students and added a wonderful energy to the school.

ADVANCED HEBREW STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students are able to receive public school credit (through the Community Resource program) for studying Hebrew language. There were 26 students involved in the Keshet Hebrew CR program last year. This program is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County and private donors.

TBE YOUTH GROUPS

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Cantor Annie Rose, youth director
Brian Merlos, youth advisor

YOUTH (AARTY) — FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Under the leadership of its board, AARTY has multifaceted programming in the areas of spirituality/religion, community, social action, social events and education. AARTY members plan and implement their own programs, guided by their advisor. Social action programs include the sponsorship of a High Holy Day food drive, Cookie-a-thon and other programs serving the community. Members of AARTY lead High Holy Day services for high school and middle school students. Once a month, AARTY holds Shabbat services, which include creative liturgy and music. Affiliated with the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), AARTY provides members with opportunities to meet other Jewish high school students at regional gatherings on both the state and national levels. NFTY also sponsors a youth leadership summer camp in New York, regional summer camps and programs in Israel.

KADIMA — MIDDLE SCHOOL

Kadima provides opportunities for middle school students to meet on a monthly basis for programs in the social action, religious, cultural and social areas. Kadima members meet with their advisor to design and plan their programs. During the course of the year activities include joint programming with other middle school-age youth groups from Reform temples in the region. Recent programs have included a shul-in, visits to area attractions, holiday services and retreats.

RISHONIM — 3RD–5TH GRADERS

Rishonim meets monthly to give 3rd–5th graders an opportunity to socialize in a setting outside of religious school. Events include holiday celebrations and other social activities.

older adult programs

SPICE OF LIFE

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The Jewish Community Center's Older Adult Program, known as the SPICE (Social, Physical, Intellectual, Cultural and Educational) program, offers a wide range of activities for senior citizens. The SPICE program is a unique resource for the Jewish community, providing information, involvement, and opportunities for developing new friendships and for welcoming newcomers moving into the Ann Arbor area. It validates the talent and expertise of seniors and welcomes all who want to add some "SPICE" to their life.

Regularly scheduled programming includes exercise; games and crafts; current event discussions; and special presentations; as well as homemade dairy lunches offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Periodically, special events such as concerts, classes and trips take place on other days of the week. Additionally, health monitoring, information and prevention events such as blood pressure checks, memory screening, and immunizations are offered. A variety of volunteer activities offer seniors additional ways to socialize and participate in the Jewish community.

The SPICE program provides a range of social, educational, and cultural program-

ming for seniors, including workshops, presentations, and holiday celebrations (such as a community-wide Senior Seder). Groups meeting weekly include current events, literature, creative crafts, and mah jongg. Aerobic and strength-training exercise classes meet twice weekly. The Yiddish group meets weekly to converse and read in Yiddish. A variety of weekly presentations by guest speakers and entertainers aim to inform and stimulate.

The JCC is home to many senior activities that are collaborations with other local organizations. The annual Afternoon Delights series at the JCC features members of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Intergenerational activities are held with the JCC Early Childhood Center and the Hebrew Day School. Additionally the JCC partners with Washtenaw Community College and the University of Michigan Turner Geriatric Center's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to provide a spectrum of classes and seminars.

In conjunction with the JCC, Jewish Family Services (JFS) helps older adults maintain their independence and enhance their involvement with the community. Geriatric social workers provide case management, assessment, short-term counseling, home visits, crisis intervention, Patient Partners medical accompaniment, information, and referrals for older adults and their families. Volunteers provide friendly visiting and telephone reassurance to homebound seniors. JFS also provides services and programming for caregivers of older adults, including Caregiver Conversations (a monthly support and education group) and individualized caregiver consultation.

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CHAVERIM B'SHIRIM

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Marilyn Krimm, director

Chaverim B'Shirim is an all-volunteer choir, performing music by Jewish composers whose music spans from the 1600s of Salamone de Rossi to the music of today. The choir has performed the music of George Gershwin, Isaac Dunayevsky, Kurt Weill, Naomi Schemer, Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, and Harold Rome. Director Marilyn Krimm has a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan. She has had extensive experience with Jewish music and choral groups, here and in New York.

Singers of all ages and vocal levels are welcome. A brief audition is required. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7:30–9 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

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Julie Steiner, executive director
Lindy Gill, volunteer coodinator

The Interfaith Hospitality Network provides shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families in Washtenaw County. The program utilizes existing community resources. Each host congregation provides volunteers and meals for 3–6 families for one week, every two to three months, on a rotating schedule. Social service agencies provide screening and referrals.

ISRAELI DANCING OF ANN ARBOR

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Laura and Amnon Steiner, coordinators

The Israeli Dancing of Ann Arbor group meets Thursday evenings, 7:30–10 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Easier dances and oldies from 7:30–8:30 p.m., intermediate and requests until 10 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome to join in. Learn the latest Israeli dances and request your favorites. Families and students are welcome. ($5/students and kids are free.)

J STREET ANN ARBOR

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J Street is the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans. The organization gives political voice to mainstream American Jews and other supporters of Israel who, informed by their progressive and Jewish values, believe that a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential to Israel's survival as the national home of the Jewish people and as a vibrant democracy. J Street's mission is two-fold: first, to advocate for urgent American diplomatic leadership to achieve a two-state solution and a broader regional, comprehensive peace and, second, to ensure a broad debate on Israel and the Middle East in national politics and the American Jewish community.

JCC YIDDISH GROUP

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Rachel Juni, contact

The JCC Yiddish Group meets weekly to enjoy Yiddish conversation, literature and culture. On the second Friday of the month, the group meets at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. for special programs. Other weeks, the group meets for informal conversation and readings in Yiddish.

JEWISH ANN ARBOR SINGLES

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Roann Altman, coordinator

Jewish Ann Arbor Singles, or JAAS, sponsors quarterly social events for Jewish singles ages 35 and over in Ann Arbor and the surrounding areas. The goal of the group is to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere where Jewish singles can meet, network and have a good time.

JEWISH PROFESSIONALS OF ANN ARBOR

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Mira Sussman, contact

Michigan Jewish Professionals was established in 2006 to provide local Jewish professionals with opportunities for networking and professional development. The group is open to anyone who works in a professional capacity at an area Jewish agency or is a Jewish professional with strong Ann Arbor connections. The group meets monthly (September–June) and holds special events throughout the year.

MICHIGAN COALITION ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND JEWISH LIFE - MI-COEJL

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MI-COEJL provides environmental information, education and inspiration rooted in Jewish text. The group teaches application of these principles to everyday life resulting in sustainable practices for energy savings and other positive results in the Jewish tradition of caring for the earth. Contact MI-COEJL for presentations on global warming and other resources.

RAOUL WALLENBERG ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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Wendy Ascione, MSW, annual giving officer

Raoul Wallenberg proved to the world that one person can make a difference in the face of evil. A Swedish citizen who graduated with the highest honors from the University of Michigan in 1935, Wallenberg volunteered during World War II to serve as a U.S. envoy in Hungary. There, his incomparable personal courage and ingenuity saved 100,000 Jewish lives. Today Raoul Wallenberg is recognized as one of the great humanitarians of the twentieth century; he is also one of the University of Michigan's most distinguished alumni.

The Wallenberg Endowment funds an annual lecture and medal presentation to honor this international hero, whose character was partly shaped by his years

in school here. Since 1990, this endowed program at the University of Michigan has awarded an annual Wallenberg Medal to an individual whose humanitarian actions exemplify those of Raoul Wallenberg. The medalist program has brought the twentieth century's most outstanding humanitarians to campus to tell their stories.

Wallenberg Medal recipients include, among others, Nobel laureates Elie Wiesel; His Holiness the Dalai Lama; Miep Gies, the woman who supported Anne Frank and her family in hiding; Helen Suzman, a member of the South African parliament; Marion Pritchard, a Dutch woman who rescued Jewish babies during World War II; Simcha Rotem, a Warsaw ghetto fighter; the mime Marcel Marceau, who as a member of the French Resistance smuggled Jewish children into Switzerland; United States Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis; and Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager who sheltered more than a thousand people from certain death during Rwanda's civil strife.

The Wallenberg Committee deeply believes that young people must be told the story of Raoul Wallenberg. When Wallenberg's sister, Nina Lagergren, came from Sweden in the fall of 2001 to accept the Wallenberg Medal on behalf of her brother, she emphasized in her lecture the importance of reaching out to young people. It is, after all, the best way to begin to change the world. The Wallenberg Committee believes that the example of Raoul Wallenberg can turn young people from helpless cynicism to resolute hopefulness and to awaken them to the belief that one person can make a difference.

The 2010 recipient is Dr. Denis Mukwege. He is an OB/GYN and surgeon who is the director of Panzi Hospital in the city of Bukavu in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. He specializes in the treatment of women who have been gang-raped by Rwandan militia. Dr. Mukwege is a leading voice in the effort to bring attention to the continued problem of warfare and sexual violence in the Congo.

For more information about the Wallenberg lecture and ceremony this year, contact Wendy Ascione.

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Michael Miller,
Central European University

Wednesday, Oct. 6 * 4 pm
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Before and After Babel: Linguistic Exceptionalism and Pluralism in Early Rabbinic Literature and Jewish Antiquity
Steven Fraade, Yale University

Monday, Oct. 11 * 12:30 pm
202 S. Thayer St, Room 2022
From Maimonides to Microsoft: The Jewish Law of Copyright Since the Birth of Print
Neal Netanel, UCLA

Wednesday, Oct. 13 * 4 pm
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Jews and Muslims in Modern France: A Century of Coexistence and Conflict
Ethan Katz,
University of Cincinnati

Monday, Oct. 25 * 4 pm
International Institute, Room 1636
Auschwitz in the 21st Century
Piotr Cywiński, Director
Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum

Tuesday, Oct. 26 * 4 pm
202 S. Thayer St, Room 2022
The Bitter Taste of Success: Gendered Politics in Israel
Sarai Aharoni,
Bar-Ilan University

Tuesday, Nov. 9 * 7 pm
202 S. Thayer St, Room 2022
The Rescue of Children and Youths at Buchenwald
Ken Waltzer,
Michigan State University

Tuesday, Jan. 18 * 4 pm
202 S. Thayer St, Room 2022
Beyond Testimony: New Ways of Listening to Survivors of the Holocaust and Other Genocides
Henry Greenspan,
University of Michigan

All events are free and open to the public.
Visit www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic for a complete list of upcoming lectures.

YIDISH TISH (YIDDISH CONVERSATIONAL GROUP)

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Elliot H. Gertel, facilitator

Spend a *heymish* hour in *der alter heym* speaking and listening to *mame-loshn,* Yiddish. This informal conversational group, which has been meeting at various venues on and near the University of Michigan central campus for the last several years, is free and open to all lovers of Yiddish language and culture, no matter what level of proficiency, regardless of age, and whether affiliated with the university or not. All manner of topics are discussed, with an effort to improve participants' Yiddish speaking skills, especially vocabulary. Everyone is welcome at any time to join in, or to just listen. Bring your own lunch, if you like, or purchase something from the café. Iz, *kumt un hot hanoe!*

The group meets every Tuesday (except major Jewish holidays and January 1, July 4, and the last week of December) all year round at 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground **f** oor near the North University entrance in the Michigan League, 911 North University.

men's organizations

BROTHERHOOD, TEMPLE BETH EMETH

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George Brieloff, president

Temple Beth Emeth Brotherhood is an organization dedicated to nurturing men's involvement in Temple life. Its goal is to assist members to become better Jews and better men through increased participation in Temple and Brotherhood activities. Active involvement in the congregation and the community brings members together spiritually and socially. Brotherhood is dedicated to providing programming that is meaningful and relevant to its members.

TBE Brotherhood is one of 250 local affiliates of the MRJ-Men of Reform Judaism (Formerly North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods) with 25,000 members across North America dedicated to the ideals of Reform Judaism and a role for men in congregational life. In addition, the group looks for opportunities to participate in national programming and events.

An up-to-date calendar can be found on the group's webpage, as well as photos of past events.

MEN'S CLUB, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Members of the Beth Israel Congregation Men's Club implement several important projects over the course of the congregation year. They maintain the congregation website, organize the ushers over the High Holidays, construct the Synagogue sukkah each year and they host, in concert with Men's Clubs around the world, the Annual World Wide Wrap and Polar Bear Photo, which teaches and encourages the laying of Tefillin by both men and women. In addition, they organize and sponsor the annual Gershowitz Memorial Shabbat, which encourages men and women to learn to lead new parts of the service. They also organize the distribution of Yom HaShoah memorial candles to the congregation.

women's organizations

HADASSAH

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Hadassah is both the largest women's organization and the largest Jewish membership organization in the United States. Hadassah of Ann Arbor, an organization of over 450 members, has a rich history of activism. It is an organization for women of all ages, providing social outlets and educational opportunities that raise awareness and empower women. The chapter's programs address health, cultural, political and spiritual issues that matter.

Local Hadassah activities include educational programs and several interest groups including: Mahj Jong, Bridge, Jewish cooking and a Community Service Project. New interest groups are always forming. Contact Eileen Thacker (302-1810, or tethacker@yahoo.com) for more information.

The chapter hosts various fundraising efforts, such as a rummage re-sale, theatre parties, shopping days and a donor campaign. Programs that are benefited by the fundraisers include the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem, the Hadassah College Jerusalem, Youth Aliyah/Children at Risk, the Jewish National Fund and Young Judaea. Hadassah is proud that 94 percent of its fundraising dollars goes directly to such worthwhile projects locally, nationally, in Israel and throughout the world. Life membership is $360; annual dues are $36.

JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Chabad House, 715 Hill Street 48104
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Esther Goldstein, coordinator

The Jewish Women's Circle brings together Jewish women of all ages and backgrounds to learn, laugh, experience and rejuvenate the mind, body and soul. Each of their meetings features lively, meaningful discussions, a great do-it-yourself activity, delicacies

to taste, a chance to socialize, and the opportunity to meet new friends. A friendship group of Jewish women who meet 6-7 times a year to share creativity, support, and education.

There are no membership fees for the group. Call to receive invitations to upcoming events. The Jewish Women's Circle of Washtenaw County is open to all women in the community to learn, explore Jewish topics, and celebrate Jewish femininity.

MIKVAH ISRAEL

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Esther Goldstein, director

From time immemorial the Mikvah has been the foundation of Jewish family life. The Mikvah is a haven of holiness for the community.

The word "*Mikvah*" means "a gathering of water"— natural water. Built according to exact rules of dimension and acceptable source of natural water, a Mikvah is a small pool, usually about four feet deep, filled with clean, clear water.

On Masada and in ancient Jerusalem you will find Mikvahs uncovered after thousands of years. They testify to the historic continuum of the tradition of Mikvah.

Today, most Jewish communities boast a Mikvah that is modern and bright with beautifully appointed preparation and dressing rooms and a Mikvah pool that is heated and scrupulously clean.

In Hebrew, natural spring water is called "living water." With its clear waters, the Mikvah is a powerful symbol of life and rebirth. Throughout our history, the ritual of Mikvah immersion has been a means of spiritual purification, helping us prepare for events of great spiritual significance.

In ancient times, the high priest of the Temple in Jerusalem immersed himself in the Mikvah five separate times during the services for Yom Kippur, each time reaching a higher spiritual level.

Today, the Mikvah is mainly used as a vital part of the laws of family purity. As it has always been the role of a Jewish wife to set the spiritual tone of her home, it is the Jewish wife who ensures the spiritual dimension of the intimate marriage relationship.

The community Mikvah (ritual bath), located at Chabad House, is available for use by the Jewish community. The Ann Arbor Mikvah Israel facility employs a state-of-the-art pool filtering, disinfecting and heating system and is the only such facility between Detroit and Chicago.

Mikvah Israel supports and maintains the Mikvah. A nominal donation is asked of all users.

Mikvah Israel also provides educational material for anyone interested in learning more about this mitzvah. Speakers are available for organizations.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Dennie Carbeck , membership chair

Newly reorganized Women's League offers several interest groups—Baking, Jewish Studies, Adult Bat Mitzvah, Rosh Hodesh, and Cafe. The Cafe, meets Sunday mornings during religious school, for parents, members, and younger children. It's a relaxing time to socialize, learn, play games, enjoy coffee and bagels, and read.

This year's programs will include dinner and auction, a bowling party, holiday preparation; and Women's League Shabbat, an all women service.

Judaica for all occasions can be purchased at the Women's League Gift Shop, open on Sunday during religious school from 9:30 a.m. until noon or by appointment. (Call Doris Miller at 662-5926). The Gift Shop is open to the entire Jewish community.

In addition to supporting Beth Israel Congregation and the Jewish Theological Seminary, Women's League supports Jewish members of the armed forces, an Israeli Sisterhood and various local charities. Gifts are presented to all Beth Israel bar/bat mitzvah and Beth Israel Religious School graduates.

All are invited to learn Holiday Kitchen Secrets on Sunday, September 26, at 9:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

Beth Israel Women's League is the Washtenaw County Chapter of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, an international network for Conservative Sisterhoods. It is open to any woman who wishes to understand and perpetuate Conservative / Masorti Judaism in the home, synagogue and community; and reinforce bonds with Israel and with Jews worldwide.

TEMPLE BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD (WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM)

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Sally Brieloff, president (665-6655)
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Gayle Saini (662-3975 or gayleanne@aol.com),vice-presidents, membership

TBE Sisterhood is also the Ann Arbor chapter of Women of Reform Judaism. In addition to wonderful social occasions, the

group organizes a variety of activities and programs that support congregational, local and international WRJ initiatives. Active volunteers make for a friendly and welcoming way for women to engage in TBE community life. Non-TBE members are also welcome to join.

Sweet Beginnings is an award-winning "review party" on the first day of Hebrew School in the fall. Each bar and bat mitzvah receives a kiddush cup from Sisterhood, and college students receive gift packages at Chanukah and Purim. First-time Jewish campers receive scholarship support. Sisterhood contributes to the TBE Youth Advisor's salary, to AARTY convention travel, and additional funds to the TBE religious school.

The entire Jewish Community is welcome to shop at the Sisterhood-run TBE Gift Shop which carries a wide variety of Judaica in a broad price range. The shop is open Mondays and Wednesdays during Hebrew School, Fridays before services, and Sundays, 5:30–7 p.m. It is also open by appointment. Contact Amy Paberzs (668-6842; amypab@hotmail.com).

Local non-profits receive donations or support through Sisterhood. Members also cook and staff the Ronald McDonald House during Christian holidays.

Through the WRJ affiliation, Sisterhood contributes to the Hebrew Union Collage (rabbinic and cantorial scholarships), the Jewish Braille Institute, the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), and several Reform nursery schools in Israel. Sisterhood board members benefit from WRJ leadership training and resource sharing at district and national meetings.

In addition to these programs, the group has informal monthly dinners and lunches, afternoon and evening mahj groups, biweekly Women's Torah Study, a Book/Movie Club, periodic lectures, workshops, trips, and activities. This year's welcoming brunch will be held September 26.

ORT AMERICA, ANN ARBOR CHAPTER

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Susan Flint, membership chair
Joan Levitt, donor chair

Members of the Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT America raise money each year to support World ORT. with its goals of providing students with marketable skills which enable them to attain successful

careers, become community leaders, and live independently.

The chapter holds three major events during the year. The Fall Opening event will be held on Sunday, October 3. The annual Chanukah Party will be on Sunday, December 5. The June Donor dinner will take place on Monday, June 6, 2011. Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend to learn more about ORT and to socialize with old and new friends.

Members of the Ann Arbor ORT chapter may join the monthly Book Group, which discusses books of Jewish content. The Cinema Club also meets monthly for dinner and a movie. Beautiful greeting cards and tributes, for all occasions and holidays, are available from the chapter. Annual dues start at $36. Lifetime memberships are also available.

Annually, over 300,000 students in 63 countries are trained and empowered by ORT's cutting-edge curriculum and strategic education initiatives. Closer to home, the Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfield offers a wide range of classes and programs, including the very successful Better Jobs Opportunity Program, which provides job skills training to the unemployed and under-employed in southeastern Michigan.

ROSH CHODESH GROUP

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Esther Goldstein, contact

The group meets monthly to celebrate each new Hebrew month. Meetings feature refreshments, entertainment, learning and open discussions on contemporary topics. In the past, programs have included a musical concert, Jewish crafts workshop, blintz-making and lectures. Gatherings are informal and are open to all women. Call for information on upcoming events.

YAD SHOSHANA

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Esther Goldstein, coordinator

Yad Shoshana was organized in 1990 in memory of Shoshana Sternberg, a local woman who touched the hearts of many. The group gives assistance to Jews in need in Washtenaw County. Activities include visiting the sick and elderly, preparing meals and helping new immigrants assimilate.

campus organizations

HILLEL AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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Clara Silver, executive director

Hillel at Eastern Michigan University is a pluralistic Jewish organization serving the estimated 1,000 Jewish students at EMU. It is the only Jewish organization in Ypsilanti, and often the only Jewish connection for EMU students during their college years. Hillel at EMU began over ten years ago in a small campus office. Hillel at EMU now operates out of a beautifully renovated house on Washtenaw Avenue across from the EMU campus.

Hillel at EMU programs and events have more than doubled in number in the last several years, and Hillel at EMU regularly partners with EMU to bring major speakers and events to campus. Hillel at EMU also provides traditional Shabbat Dinners twice per month, which are extremely popular, as well as holiday observances and opportunities for more traditional Jewish exploration. In addition to serving EMU's growing Jewish population, Hillel at EMU works to educate the broader campus community and advocate for EMU's Jewish students. Over 85 percent of EMU graduates remain in Michigan. Hillel at EMU is dedicated to empowering and engaging Jewish students, strengthening their connection to Judaism, and guiding them to become future Jewish community leaders. In addition, EMU graduates more teachers than any other school in Michigan, and is one of the top education schools in the country. Therefore, Hillel at EMU places an emphasis on ensuring that they have experience with, and an understanding of, Judaism.

GROUPS AND INITIATIVES

Student Advisory Board. New this year, student volunteers each choose a program area to build with other students.

Alternative Spring Break (ASB). Instead of going on vacation during spring break, participants in Hillel at EMU's "ASB" program travel to cities around the country to volunteer. Students have gone to the Gulf Coast twice in the last two years, repairing homes that have been damaged in Hurricanes. Hillel at EMU has been partnering with Jewish Funds for Justice on these trips.

Taglit-Birthright Israel. Hillel at EMU offers a free 10-day trip to Israel through Taglit-birthright israel to Jews age 18-26 who have never been to Israel on an organized peer trip. This trip is offered annually and is truly a life-changing experience.

First-Year Students of Hillel (FYSH). This program is led by a student intern who facilitate first-year students' transition to college life. Students new to EMU will have opportunities to learn about college life, connect both with other new students and learn about the resources and support that Hillel at EMU can offer them.

Gaygle, EMU's Jewish Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allies student group, provides an accepting atmosphere where LGBT students from any Jewish background are included in and comfortable with Jewish programming and events on EMU's campus.

The Jewish Education Students Group promotes cross-cultural understanding in EMU's School of Education. It provides Jewish students with opportunities to network with one another and to explore professional possibilities as Jewish educators. Jewish Ed students provide important opportunities for non-Jewish education students to gain a greater understanding of Judaism as it relates to their future students.

Shabbat Students. Hillel at EMU provides Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Shabbat dinner an average of twice per month. The Shabbat Students create meaningful and engaging Shabbat programs, including themed Shabbat dinners, discussions with local rabbis, and the annual "Family Shabbat."

HILLEL FOUNDATION, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Hillel is the second largest student programming organization at the University of Michigan and serves as an umbrella organization for over 50 independent student groups. These groups represent a diverse spectrum of approaches to Jewish life that combines the religious (traditional and alternative), cultural, intellectual, political and social. At U-M Hillel students work hard and play hard. Groups are peer-led and students gain invaluable leadership skills from their experiences. Hillel is one of the best places to hang out on the U-M campus whether to catch a movie, enjoy a gourmet kosher meal (lunch and dinner served daily) or to use as a study base (the Hillel building has wireless internet access). There is also a wide array of information about jobs, scholarships, study abroad, visiting Israel, programs happening on campus and volunteer opportunities in the community. Short-term personal counseling is also available for students.

ISRAEL GROUPS AND PROGRAMS

AMI, the American Movement for Israel, is the U-M's mainstream Israel organization. Through educational programs and political activism, AMI promotes support and understanding of Israel and its people.

Union of Progressive Zionists promotes progressive social and political issues and peace initiatives. The group also co-sponsors dialogue and discussion with other student groups on campus.

U-M Hillel's **Taglit-Birthright Israel** trip provides an opportunity for an exhilarating free 10-day visit to Israel for students 18–26.

JEWISH EDUCATION

Hillel's **ZiG:** New Perspectives on JewishLearning offers both traditional and non-traditional opportunities to connect to Jewish tradition with courses in Torah study, basic Judaism, Talmud, and Hebrew, as well as yoga, Jewish cooking, and more. The classes are designed to meet the needs of full-time students and working people who have limited time but want the opportunity for continued Jewish learning.

Shulchan Ivrit provides a weekly opportunity for students of all levels of proficiency to speak Hebrew together.

Jewish Take Out Menu offers Jewish learning brought straight to the student's door. Students gather a group of friends and pick from a menu of Jewish classes taught by the Hillel staff and student leaders.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

Hillel offers a variety of religious services and groups including the Reform Havurah, a creative, musically-oriented Friday night service; Dor Chadash: Conservative Minyan, with vibrant egalitarian services, the Orthodox Minyan, which draws its membership from the community as well as from university faculty and students, and Shalvah, an independent and spirited Traditional Egalitarian service with Shlomo Carlebach melodies. The Orthodox Minyan holds daily services in addition to Shabbat and holiday services.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Kol HaKavod is U-M Hillel's a cappella singing group. The ensemble performs a varied repertoire of close harmonies in English, Hebrew and Ladino, with music taken from Jewish liturgical and historical

sources, Israeli folk songs and translated popular tunes.

Hillel's **Major Events Committee** brings to campus speakers and personalities who challenge the way students think about the issues of the day such as Dr. Ruth, Kurt Vonnegut, Oliver Stone and Jack Kevorkian. Revenues from this annual major event go to a charitable cause.

SHOUT, Students Honoring Outstanding University Teaching, conducts a campus-wide nomination process in order to select the year's recipient of the Golden Apple Award. The winning U-M teacher, in addition to receiving a Golden Apple trophy and a cash prize, delivers his or her ideal "last lecture." The Golden Apple Award is sponsored by Hillel and Apple Computer Inc. and is co-sponsored by more 20 U-M academic units and student groups.

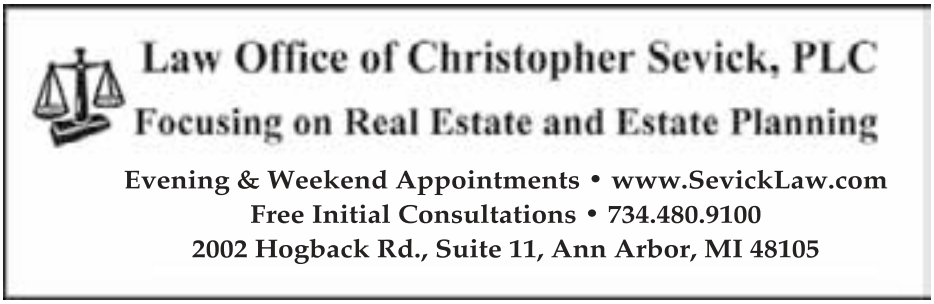
Consider Magazine is a publication presenting different viewpoints on a variety of issues, both local and international. It is available in racks at Hillel and in most major university buildings.

Volunteers in Action is a social action group that works in soup kitchens and on projects for the homeless, children and the elderly. It often collaborates with other community groups.

J-GAME: The Jewish Graduate student program consists of several organizations that serve Jewish graduate students. These organizations are based both on professional schools and interests: JAGS (Jewish Association of Graduate Students), JLSA (Jewish Law Student Association), RJSA (Ross Jewish Students Association), OJSW (Organization of Jewish Social Workers), JeMSA (Jewish Medical Students Association), J-GAME Israel, J-GAME Social Events, J-GAME Jewish Learning, J-GAME Sports, and J-GAME Friday Night Dinners. Students can choose to be on as many or as few of these lists as possible. These groups meet frequently, offering a setting for graduate students to meet their peers.

AAJR – African American Jewish Relations – builds positive connections between the Black and Jewish communities on campus by exploring their historical and cultural roots.

Ahava, the Jewish Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Trasgendered and Queer student group, offers programming, discussion groups, speakers and social events that meet the needs of the diverse Jewish LGBTQ community on campus.



The Conference on the Holocaust (COTH) is a year-long series of events planned by students designed to present a cross-section of scholarly, personal, historical and theological perspectives on the Holocaust. COTH organizes an annual trip for university students to tour the Holocaust Museum in Suburban Detroit and a Survivors' Luncheon, which hosts over 40 survivors and 300 students.

Jewish Greek Council brings together Jewish students who are members of sororities and fraternities. The group sponsors social action projects and hosts social events.

The Intramural Sports Program fields a broad range of teams that compete in the U-M's intramural sports program. These teams compete in soccer, football, volleyball, softball, **f** oor hockey, and ice hockey in which Hillel has won the campus championship twice in the past three years.

Sarah's Kitchen, also called "Hillel's Café," serves gourmet lunches and dinners Sunday-Friday during the academic year. U-M students on board contract in a residence hall can use their "Blue Bucks" to pay for meals, and anyone can eat at Hillel on a walk-in basis. Friday night Shabbat dinners are available to U-M students at no charge.

Challah for Hunger raises awareness of and money for hunger and disaster relief through the baking and selling of challah.

MuJews is a dialogue and programming group for Muslim and Jewish students to come together on campus. There is also an annual alternative spring break trip to help build the MuJew community.

The Jewish Penicillin Hotline (iwantsoup@umich.edu) delivers kosher chicken soup with matzoh balls to any U-M student who is feeling ill or stressed.

The Jewish Women's Forum explores women's roles in Judaism, offering study groups, speakers, Rosh Hodesh celebrations and an annual women's seder.

Jewish Perspectives on Globalization is a group that helps provide Jewish students with hands-on experience in tikkum olam (repair of the world). Past JPOG groups have been involved in service projects in Uruguay, Argentina, and the Ukraine and Nicaragua, as well as Hurricane Katrina relief work in the Gulf Coast.

Hayerukim (Hebrew for "The Greens") provides a forum for students to engage in environmental activism from a Jewish perspective and the opportunity to help create a more sustainable Hillel, university and world.

Shmooze is a Jewish cultural organization whose goal is to spread Jewish culture throughout Hillel and the university community through cultural events like the Kugel Cook-off and M-Shvitz that meets weekly to shmooze in the men's sauna

Michigan Mensch provides mentorship and guidance for incoming Wolverines. Freshmen are paired with upperclassmen Mensches and get together once a month to chat over coffee on Hillel.

Hillel's ARTs group (HARTS) creates community and programming for students with an interest in the arts. Students come together to learn new skills and techniques and share their artistic work building up to a student exhibit.

Krav Maga – students come to Hillel for a taste of Israeli culture by learning effective Israeli self-defense techniques from a professional Krav Maga instructor.

JEngA is Hillel's Jewish Engineering Students Association, planning social and cultural events for Jewish engineers.

JEWSIC – Hillel's music program provides a forum for musical students to come together to jam and share music in monthly sessions. All levels are welcome. U-M Hillel also has a jazz and klezmer band that plays on campus and in the community.

Improfessionals is Hillel's own comedy improv group that performs all over campus and has a great fan base. Practice is weekly and tryouts happen twice a year.

FYSH – First Year Students of Hillel – and the residence student outreach committee organize social programming targeted at freshmen to help students meet and develop new friends in Hillel. These groups help foster community in residences on both North and Central Campuses.

Hillel is home to **Will Work for Food** (WWFF), an independent student group that encourages students to partake in a community effort and get sponsored by their family and friends with a donation to WWFF. All money raised through these sponsored work efforts will go directly to alleviate child malnutrition in Darfur through Doctors Without Borders. For more information, visit www.willworkforfood.org.

Hillel also supports **Good Sports,** a new community service project designed to help fund Detroit inner city youth sports programs for underprivileged youth by raising money through Michigan students' participation in Intramural and other sports activities.

U-M Hillel is also a partner to and/or supporter of **Dance Marathon, United to Heal, K-Grams and Relay for Life,** encouraging student involvement in these volunteer and fundraising initiatives.

J STREET U

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J Street U supports Israel as a democratic home for the Jewish people, the full and equal rights of Arab and other non-Jewish citizens of Israel and the right of the Palestinian people to a state of their own. J Street U is a student driven network of activists who educate and advocate for peace, security, and social justice in the State of Israel and in the future state of Palestine.

U-M CENTER FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AND NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES

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The Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies undergraduate and master's degree programs offer an interdisciplinary understanding of the modern area. They are intended to provide broad area and language training for students with either academic or professional interests. For those who have received training in fields such as journalism, business administration, law, library science, social work, public health and teaching, the program

provides an opportunity to gain a strong background in the cultures and languages of the modern Middle East. Public lectures, film series, conferences, symposia and teacher workshops are offered regularly. Call or email to receive a weekly email message, announcing Middle Eastern events being held on campus. Visit the website for information on Middle East-related fellowships, conferences, jobs and more.

CHABAD HOUSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Rabbi Alter and Chanchi Goldstein, directors

Chabad on Campus: For over 35 years Chabad House has been a home-away-from home for the thousands of Jewish Students at the University of Michigan. Chabad anticipates and serves the needs of students on a social, educational and spiritual level. At Chabad, all students are welcome, regardless of background, affiliation, and level of observance.

At Chabad, students have the ability to discover the warmth and beauty of their heritage, and learn to apply the timeless Jewish principle of *Ahavat Israel* (love of one's fellow Jew)—at their own pace.

Chabad believes that family and community are vital keys to character building. That's why they open their home to students, helping inspire them with a respect for family values and a deep meaningful concern for the land of Israel.

Chabad also believes that Jewish education and meaningful experiences are the grass-roots method to fighting indifference, apathy and assimilation that face the Jewish community today.

U-M DIVISION OF HEBREW & JEWISH CULTURAL STUDIES

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Shachar Pinsker, chair

Hebrew and Jewish Cultural Studies is a division of the department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Michigan that offers classes and lectures. Undergraduate and graduate courses are offered in

literature, culture and language, from ancient to modern. Examples of courses include Hebrew (all levels), Israeli Culture and Society, Perspectives on the Holocaust, Jewish Mysticism, Ancient Jewish History, Rabbinic Literature and Contemporary Israeli Literature. Hebrew classes are taught by native speakers.

In addition, faculty and visitors give talks during the academic year to which the community is invited. Contact the department to get on the lecture mailing list.

U-M JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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Karla Goldman, Sol Drachler Professor of Social Work, director

The University of Michigan Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) offers a distinctive educational opportunity for emerging leaders committed to helping Jewish communities meet 21st-century challenges while also addressing broader social concerns.

A collaborative effort of the School of Social Work and the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, the Jewish Communal Leadership Program builds upon the tradition of professional training in Jewish communal leadership at the U- M, established by Project STaR and the Sol Drachler Program in Jewish Communal Leadership.

The program combines academic study in Judaic Studies and Social Work, experiential training in non-profit management, and hands-on engagement with contemporary communal challenges. Students will serve as non-voting board members at local Jewish agencies and will fill field placements at local, national and international Jewish organizations. Throughout their experience, JCLP students will become active participants in the work of imagining and building a Jewish communal future.

The Jewish Communal Leadership Program also sponsors numerous programs intended to engage the public in challenging discussions about the present and future of Jewish community in Michigan, the United States, and around the world.

U-M JUDAICA COLLECTION

111-I Hatcher Graduate Library North
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fax: 763-6743
website: http://www.lib.umich.edu/browse/Judaic Studies
Elliot H. Gertel, Irving M. Hermelin Curator of Judaica

The Judaic holdings of the U-M Graduate Library are part of the Near East Division of Area Programs. The collection includes some 56,000 titles in Hebrew and Yiddish. Western-language Judaica holdings number approximately 47,500. Annually, the library adds approximately 1,000 Hebrew and Yiddish titles to the collection and 1,500 titles relevant to Jewish studies in

western languages. The Judaica/Hebraica unit of the Division serves faculty and graduate students, as well as members of the local community in reference assistance. The staff also selects and acquires materials in all languages in Jewish studies for the library.

U-M JEAN AND SAMUEL FRANKEL CENTER FOR JUDAIC STUDIES

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Deborah Dash Moore, director

Since 1970, Jewish Studies at the University of Michigan has thrived as an interdisciplinary endeavor drawing on the rich resources of a diverse faculty, educating undergraduate and graduate students, and engaging the community. The Frankel Center for Judaic Studies has become an international leader with faculty integrated in top-tier departments throughout the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus. The Center offers students opportunities for in-depth study of modern Jewish literatures and cultures, Hebrew and Yiddish languages, Rabbinic, law, politics, and Jewish history from the ancient to modern eras. Students benefit from the academic excellence of faculty with strengths extending from the study of ancient Jewish law to the role of Yiddish in the modern world.

The inauguration of the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies in 2007 has made the University of Michigan a premiere site for Jewish studies in the United States. The Institute brings 14 of the world's leading scholars from a variety of disciplines to Ann Arbor for an academic year. While at Michigan, these Institute Fellows share their research with the local community through public presentations and lectures.

The Frankel Center also sponsors numerous lectures, conferences, exhibits and other events throughout the academic year, including two high-profile annual programs: the Louis and Helen Padnos Lecture in Judaic Studies and the David W. Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs. All events are typically free and open to the general public.

education

BETH ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

See Congregations, Beth Israel Congregation

HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

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Dina Shtull, head of school
Aaron Fried, board president

The Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor is a private elementary school that follows state and national standards. The school scores in the 99th percentile and above on standardized tests. HDS offers instruction in computers, visual arts, physical education that stresses teamwork, public speaking and performance, and music that includes instrumental training in the upper grades. It also offers a half-day immersion second language program for both modern and Biblical Hebrew. The school serves children from the entire spectrum of Jewish expression. A rich Jewish and American heritage is experienced through plays, musical productions, and joyous holiday celebrations. Monthly themes relate to ethical behavior, civic responsibility, and tolerance, and are supported by community service projects. Teachers differentiate instruction to meet the needs of each student. The faculty is enhanced with learning and behavioral specialists. The school atmosphere is warm, caring, and family oriented.

HEBREW DAY SCHOOL CELEBRATES 36TH ANNIVERSARY

The Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor has been enriching the lives of Jewish children and enhancing the life of our community for 36 years. The first graduates of the school are now adults in their early 40s, while the current student body includes two students who are children of HDS alumni from the early 1980s. The school's current president, Aaron Fried, is the son of an HDS past president, Liz Fried. The Hebrew Day School prides itself on providing its students with a first-class education in both secular and Jewish subjects. The school's dual curriculum gives students the academic skills to excel in their future studies, and the knowledge and pride to value the rich culture of the Jewish people. Graduates of HDS are grounded in their identities, both emotionally and intellectually, and poised to contribute to the world around them.

To mark its 36th anniversary, the Hebrew Day School will host a celebration on Sunday, March 13, 2011, honoring Susan and Barry Gross, long-time supporters of the school and parents of three graduates—Lauren '91, Carrie '94, and Paul '97. Todd and Judith Endelman are co-chairing the event, with Prue and Ami Rosenthal as honorary co-chairs. Additional leadership for the current and alumni parent campaigns is being provided by John Rothchild, Marci Rosenberg, Jennifer Perlove Siegel, and Roberta Tankanow. If you would like to participate in this celebration, contact 36@hdsaa.org or call the school at 971-4633.

JEWISH CULTURAL SCHOOL

See Congregations, Jewish Cultural Society

JLI - JEWISH LEARNING INSTITUTE

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Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, instructor

Presented in synchrony in 350 cities nationwide and around the world, Jewish Learning Institute classes are presented locally by specially trained educators, including Ann Arbor Chabad House Rabbi Aharon Goldstein. Since its inception in 1998, JLI programs have been attended by nearly 40,000 people, and hundreds of thousands of others join in electronically through JLI on-line message boards and Internet based channels. More than 80 people in Ann Arbor have participated in the 14 JLI classes offered since 2006. An additional three classes will be held in the next 12 months, with two sessions each per week.

KESHET ANN ARBOR

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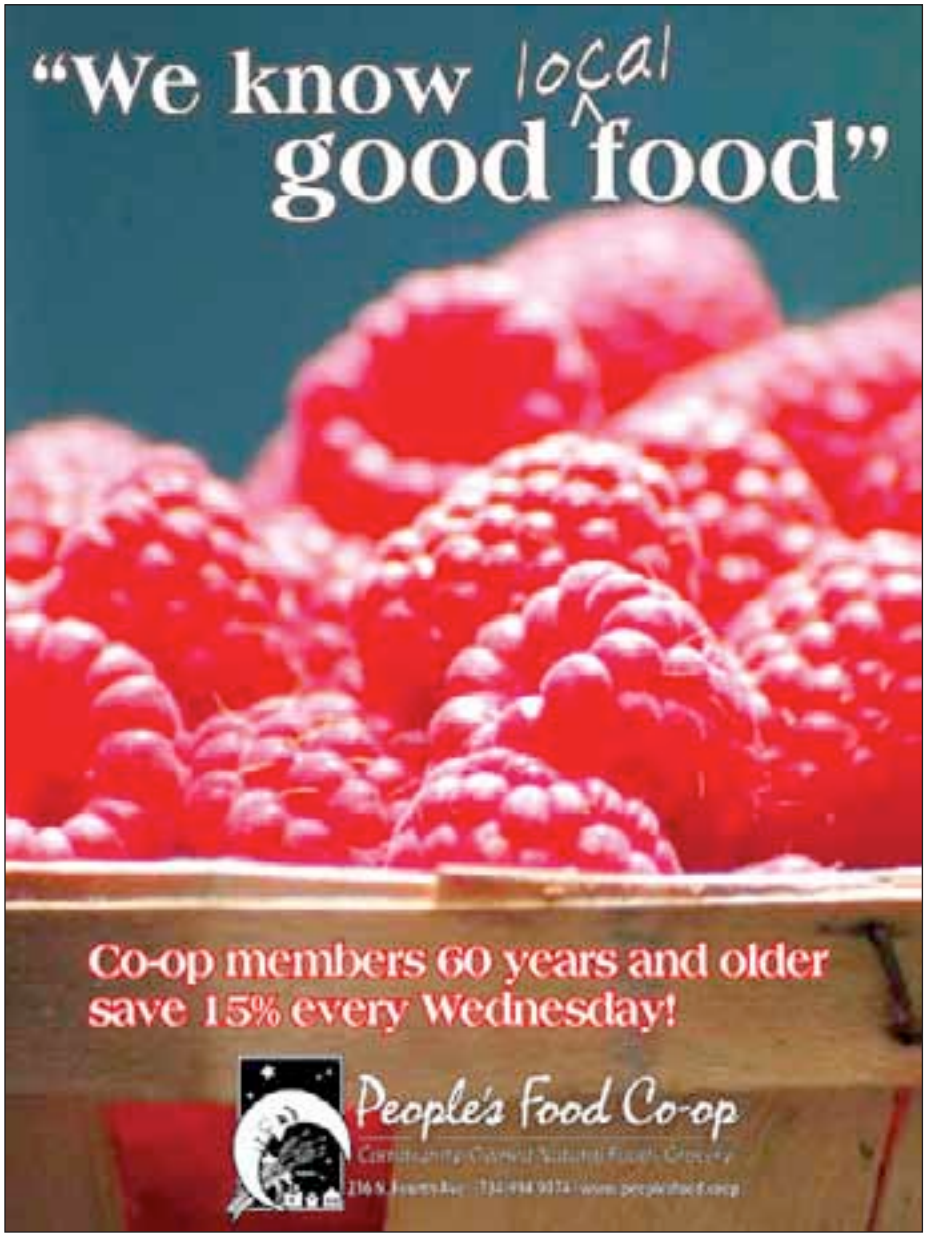
Milka Eliav, program director

Keshet is an academic program for high school student, offering the opportunity to take Hebrew classes to fulfill the Foreign Language requirement, and receive high school credit as if it was any other high school class at their school. At Keshet, students meet twice a week for a total of four hours and study Modern Hebrew with professional language instructors, some of which are also U-M lecturers. Classes are small, allowing teachers to focus on their students' progress and lessons are dynamic and communicative.

As with other academic high school courses, students are expected to complete homework, take quizzes, exams, and occasionally prepare class presentations. Attendance and participation are key. Class material is level appropriate and naturally contains cultural components such as Israeli movies, songs, newspapers and more, to make the language learning experience wholesome and well rounded. Keshet offers four levels of Hebrew, from beginners to advanced, and students come from all walks of the Ann Arbor community.

Not all Keshet students take it for credit; some are there for their love of the language and their sincere interest in learning how to communicate in Hebrew. These driven teens are an integral part of classes; they attend



regularly, take the exams and participate in other Keshet activities. Keshet is proud to have such motivated students and to be a part of their busy schedules.

Keshet is recognized by the Ann Arbor Public School Community Resource (CR) department, a unique system that lets high school students take a class not offered in their school, and get credit for it. Keshet fulfills CR requirements and maintains close contact with the CR monitor throughout the year.

All classes meet on Monday nights (6:30–8:30 pm), while the other meeting day is determined in September by each teacher and their students. Monday nights are pizza night, and students are invited to come earlier (6 p.m.) and enjoy social time with their peers. Keshet follows the Ann Arbor Public Schools calendar as well as the Jewish calendar, and commemorates major Israeli events such as Yitzhak Rabin's Memorial Day, Israel's Independence Day, and more.

Classrooms for Keshet are provided by both Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth; Keshet thankfully acknowledges the educational cooperation and support of these two synagogues and their educational directors. Keshet is funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation, and supported by donations from parents, as well as by gifts from generous members in the community who care about quality Hebrew instruction. Co-sponsors include Beth Israel Religious School, Temple Beth Emeth Religious School, the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan, the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah, and the Jewish Cultural Society.

RECONSTRUCTIONIST HAVURAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

See Congregations, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah

TEMPLE BETH EMETH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

See Congregations, Temple Beth Emeth

T.E.A.C.H. (TORAH EDUCATION AT CHABAD HOUSE)

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Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein

Classes offered at Chabad House cover the spectrum from basic Hebrew reading and Talmud study groups to Chassidic and Jewish mysticism. All classes are open to all Jews, regardless of their affiliation or background. An extensive library is available with classic and modern references to complement what is taught. The current class list includes: basic Hebrew reading (individual or small group instruction), prayers and their meanings, the Jewish way of prayer and the organization of the siddur (prayer book), Talmud, Chumash (the Five Books of Moses), Rashi (the 12th-century Torah commentator), Chassidic Jewish mysticism and its application to daily Jewish life in the 20th century, *The Ethics of Our Fathers, The Shulchan Aruch,* and *Halachah* (code of Jewish law).

Chabad House offers pre-bar/bat mitzvah classes for children ages 10–13. Students preparing for bar or bat mitzvah receive instruction from Rabbi Zalman or Shternie Zweibel. Private tutorial classes are also offered to adults to learn specific areas of Torah.

T.E.P. (TORAH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM)

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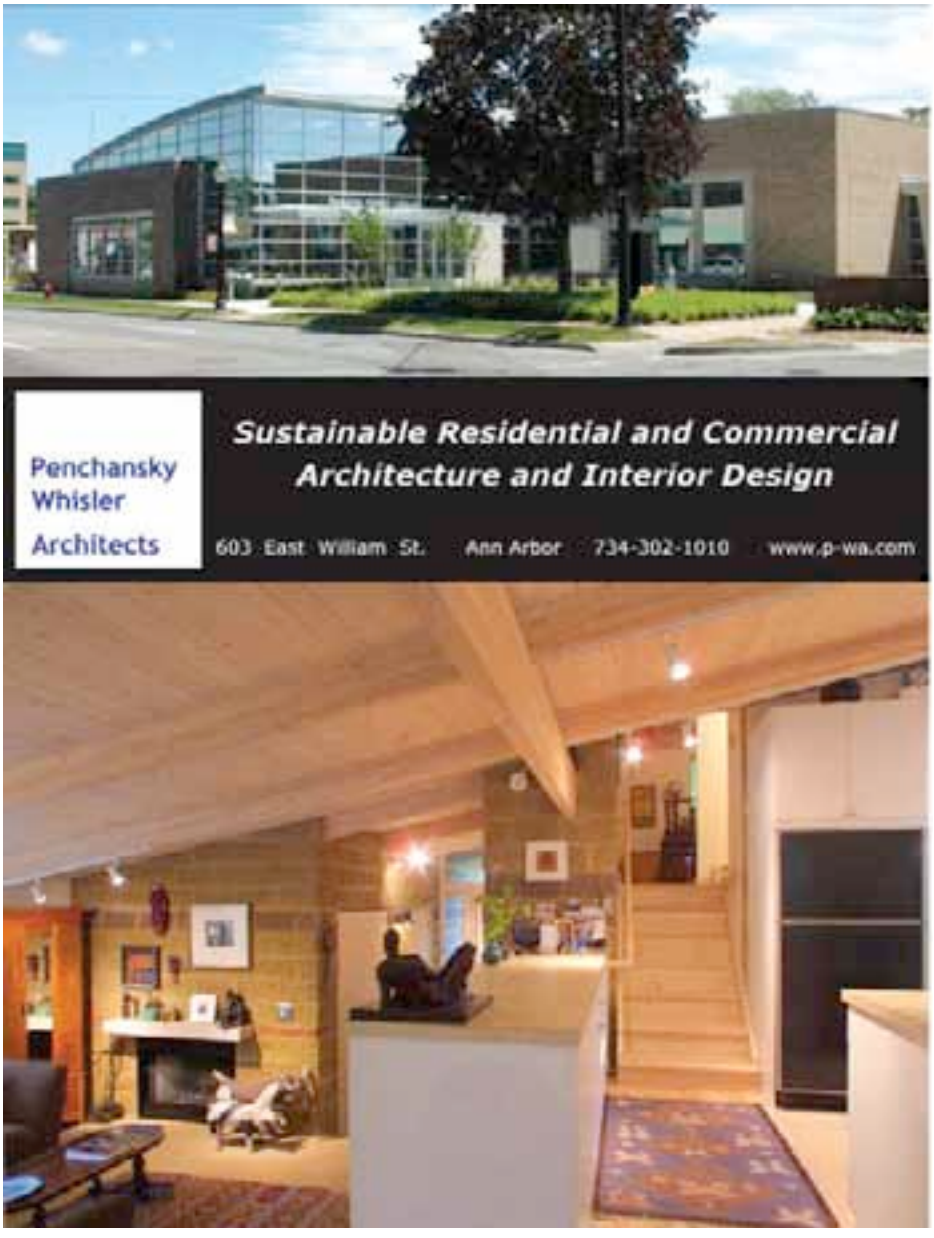
Esther Goldstein, director

The program for youth 5–14 years old, explores the world of Jewish values, customs and texts. The children learn Hebrew reading and writing, the core prayers of Jewish tradition, and study Jewish holidays and history. Advanced students also study the Torah commentary of Rashi, one of Judaism's greatest teachers.



The goal of TEP is not only to teach Hebrew as a language, but also to teach what's behind the language and the joy of Judaism. Three levels are offered: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Classes meet on Sundays and Wednesdays.

JUDAIC CLASSICS LIBRARY AND BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY GLOBAL JEWISH DATABASE (RESPONSA PROJECT)

Chabad House, 715 Hill Street 48104
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Chabad House provides access to these two milestones in computerized Judaic reference and text tools on CD-ROM. The Judaic Classics Library answers questions about the Tanach (Five Books of Moses, Prophets and Scriptures), the Babylonian Talmud and Rashis commentaries on both the Talmud and the Torah. The Global Jewish Database Project includes texts such as the Jerusalem Bible, Maimonides, the Code of Jewish Law and 253 books of Responsa (Rabbinic commentaries and answers to inquiries) covering a period of over 1,000 years.

JEWISH EDUCATORS COUNCIL OF ANN ARBOR

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Terri Ginsburg, chair

The Jewish Educators Council was organized to provide Ann Arbor Jewish educators with opportunities to discuss issues of mutual concern, improve their skills and knowledge in areas of Jewish education and collaborate on programming options for teachers and students. The council consists of the directors of Beth Israel Congregation Religious School, the Hebrew Day School, the JCC Early Childhood Center, the Jewish Cultural School, the Reconstructionist Havurah, Keshet Ann Arbor and Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

The Council sponsors opportunities for teacher training on the local level during the school year and promotes participation in regional and national teacher training conferences, such as those sponsored by the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE). It also sponsors guest speakers and events for local students to learn together. The Jewish Educators Council is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and participating organizations.

youth activities

BAT MITZVAH CLUB

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Shternie Zwiebel, coordinator

The Bat Mitzvah Club is "for girls, run by girls and starring girls", because girls run the meetings, prepare programs and arrange activities. Be a leader or a participant. Organize an event. Plan a project. Make a presentation. The Bat Mitzvah Club is a place to grow, learn and get involved.

The Bat Mitzvah Club shows girls why a bat mitzvah is much more than a party. Learn what it really means to be a bat mitzvah in the modern world. Get to know your Jewish self through art, creative writing and community outreach. Discuss hot topics. Share your interests, goals, hopes and dreams. Record your thoughts and ideas in your very own club journal. Express yourself! Don't just celebrate a bat mitzvah… become one!

The Bat Mitzvah Club is for girls ages 11–14.

BETH ISRAEL YOUTH PROGRAMS

See Congregations, Beth Israel Congregation

B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION/ECHAD CHAPTER

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Eric Adelman, contact

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) is an independent, non-affiliated Jewish youth organization for teens of all Jewish backgrounds. Its program covers six areas: community service, recreation, social action, Jewish heritage, sisterhood/ brotherhood, and creativity. These activities provide the structure through which Washtenaw County Jewish teens meet one another as well as other Jewish teens in Michigan and Windsor, Ontario. The Ann Arbor chapter serves grades 9-12 and recruits eighth graders in March.

The chapter has meetings and programs at least once a month. There are often joint programs with chapters from the metro-Detroit area. Chapter activities are complemented by regional and national conclaves and conventions, as well as summer leadership and Judaism camps and a variety of trips to Israel, Bulgaria, and around the USA. Every even year, BBYO sponsors participation in the March of the Living program in Poland and Israel.

BBYO also sponsors www.b-linked.org, an online community that allows Jewish teens to meet other Jewish teens with common interests from anywhere in the world. B-Linked integrates the Princeton Review of Colleges and Universities with the Hillel Foundation database of Jewish life on campus. The Michigan BBYO Chapter Service Center is located in the West Bloomfield Jewish Community Center, (248) 788-0700.

CAMP GAN ISRAEL

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website: www.mycampganisrael.com
Shternie Zwiebel, director

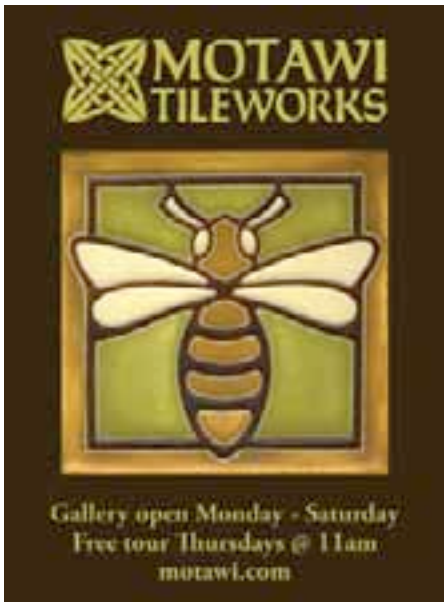
Camp Gan Israel is a summer camp dedicated to enriching the lives of children from diverse Jewish backgrounds and affiliations through a stimulating day camp experience. C.G.I. of Ann Arbor is part of the largest and fastest growing network of day camps, enjoying a reputation as a pioneer in Jewish camping, with innovative ideas and creative activities, to both provide enjoyment and inspire children to try new and exciting things!

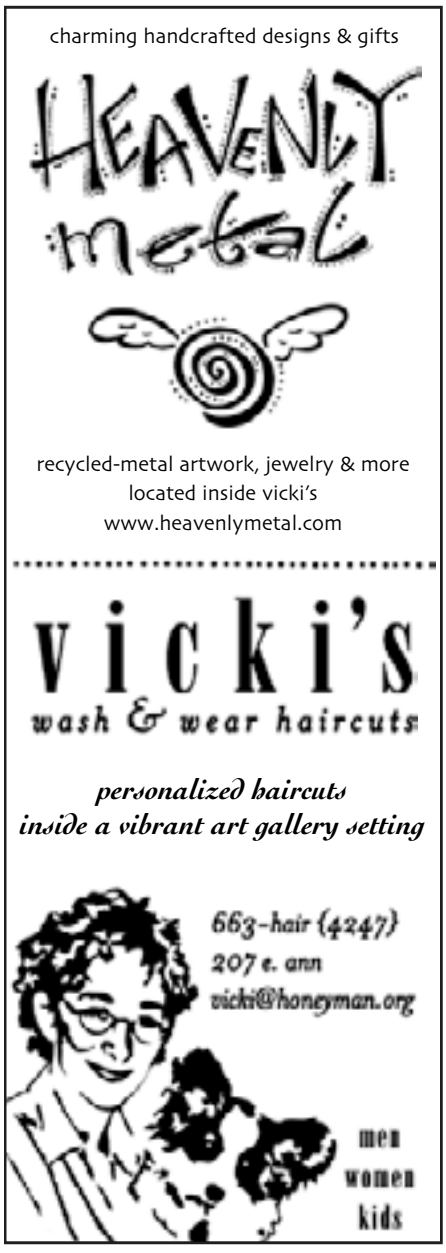
Camp Gan Israel was created to provide children with a fun and meaningful summer program, while fostering growth individually and socially in a Jewish atmosphere. The daily schedule includes an exciting mix of sports, field trips, special programs and activities designed to be educational, fun and conducive to building character and nurturing friendships.

Camp Gan Israel is for children ages 4–13 with four divisions:

1. The Mini Gan Izzy for ages 4–5 years
2. The Junior Division for kids entering 1st– 2nd grade
3. The Sabra for kids entering 3rd-–4th grade
4. The Pioneer for kids entering 5th–8th grade

The program includes field trips to many places in Southeast Michigan; three-times-a-week swimming; and three-times-a-week "icamp"—an innovative program where the campers can choose their activities, such as: dance, woodworking, art, tennis, a science program, gymnastics , music, jewelry





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There is a camp theme each year on which all activities center, and it is emphasized that every child, irrespective of their level of Jewish observance, becomes a part of the Gan Israel family.

Camp Gan Israel is fully licensed by the State of Michigan. It is located in central Ann Arbor, just a few blocks from Temple Beth Emeth, at Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett Road. Camp Gan Israel runs for seven weeks during the summer

GAN YELADIM ENRICHMENT

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At Gan Yeladim children ages 2–5 years are welcomed. The Gan Yleadim meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1–4 p.m. At Gan Yeladim each child is encouraged to make choices with respect towards him/herself, others and his/her surroundings.

Group leaders seek to nourish each child's heart and mind as their cognitive, social, emotional and physical skills are developed, so that each child will be a well-rounded person capable of solving problems and adapting to new situations. Children are educated in a creative, supportive, and warm Jewish environment, so that each child will learn about life as a Jew.

Gan Yeladim Playgroup seeks to create a stimulating and enriching educational environment for each and every child. Group leaders are devoted to helping children learn socialization skills, building their self-confidence and teaching them the about Jewish values and rituals through songs, stories and arts and crafts. In addition, they seek to ignite a spark in each child to lay claim to his Jewish heritage and commit him or her to a lifetime passion for Jewish learning.

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Habonim Dror is an international youth organization. The local chapter, Ken Pardes, offers activities for all Jewish kids ages 8–18. During the school year Ken Pardes has events at least once a month. This summer, over 50 local kids in grades 4–10 attended Habonim's summer programming at Camp Tavor and in Israel. Midwest's Habonim camp, located in Three Rivers, Michigan. Camp Tavor offers 2-, 3-, 4- and 7-week sessions. In the eleventh grade, campers have the opportunity to join their friends in the national movement for a summer in Israel. Twelfth-graders return to camp as counselors-in-training. All counselors are college-aged students with a mix of mature, young adult Israeli staff. There are also regional retreats with Habonim chapters from around the Midwest.

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Young Judaea is the peer-led, Zionist youth movement of Hadassah that aims to provide a positive Jewish experience through hands-on learning and fun. There are three divisions: Ofarim (grades 3–5), Tsofim (grades 6–7) and Bogrim (grades 8–12). In Ann Arbor, meetings are held at the JCC or in members' homes. Regional conventions for all levels are held during the school year. Summer programs include: Camp Young Judaea in Waupaca, Wisconsin, for grades 3–9, Camp Tel Yehudah in Barryville, New York, for grades 9–12, and summer programs in Israel for high schoolers. There are also programs in Israel for high school grads, college juniors and young adults.

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The Jewish community's central educational resource, the Federation's Alliance for Jewish Education, provides an array of services that enhance Jewish knowledge, identity and pride. The Alliance provides a support system for all congregational schools, nursery through grade 12, including teacher training and consultation and innovative curriculum development, and specialized assistance for children with special needs. Children with special needs attend weekly classes sponsored by the Alliance. In addition, Jewish Experiences for Families creates programs that help families strengthen their Jewish identity. The Alliance offers ongoing and one-time adult educational courses through the Lifelong Learning Classes and the Florence Melton Adult Mini School, and community-wide programming for teens. It is also home to the Teachers' Resource Center.

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The Jewish Community Relations Council links the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. It unifies and mobilizes the community around high-priority domestic and international concerns and deals with public officials and the media on major issues.

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The Federation, the central communal organization of the metropolitan Detroit Jewish community, plays a leadership role in identifying the needs of that community in partnership with its agencies. It mobilizes human and financial resources, engages in communal planning and allocation and advocates meeting the needs of families and individuals. The Federation seeks to further the relationship between the Jewish community and the community at large in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

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The Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) provides a comprehensive and integrated vocational service program, including job placement, career and educational counseling, rehabilitation services and assistance in securing funding for education. Additionally, JVS provides specialized services for senior adults, including adult day care, and outreach for those isolated from the community.

Keeping kosher in Ann Arbor

by Marcie Greenfield

If you're keeping a kosher home in Washtenaw County, there are plenty of options. Hiller's and Trader Joe's are your best bet. Both offer a wide variety of kosher products and fresh kosher meat. Whole Foods, People's Food Co-op and Arbor Farms add to the abundance of vegetarian/kosher foods available locally.

Hiller's, a Michigan-owned grocery store with several locations around the Detroit metro area, has the largest selection of kosher goods, with sections in both the international and wine aisles, and the refrigerator and freezer cases. They offer fresh and frozen kosher beef, chicken and turkey. Sometimes you can even find frozen buffalo and duck. They also have the most extensive selection for Passover. Ask at the service desk if you don't see what you want because they may be able to order it.

Trader Joe's has a printed list of kosher products sold there (including a list detailing the kosher symbols on their packages). You can get the list at the store or on their website (traderjoes.com) under products/labels and lists. They usually stock most fresh chicken options (including recent additions of ground chicken and organic boneless breasts), turkey (ground and breast halves) and sometimes ribeye steak. They also carry a kosher cheddar cheese by Tillamook.

There also are plenty of vegetarian options (including cheeses without rennet) at the People's Food Coop, Whole Foods (they also have a list of kosher foods sold there and a small frozen kosher section) and Arbor Farms. Zingerman's Deli sells kosher-certified tuna, vinegars, honey, olive oil, chocolates, salt and several cheeses with vegetarian rennet. Monahans Seafood Market at Kerrytown Market is a great source for fresh fish.

For parties and holidays, Gordon's Food Service on Carpenter Rd. sells a huge box of Cohen's frozen appetizers. You can find kosher wine at many stores, including Hiller's, Whole Foods, Stadium Market (corner of Stadium and Packard) and Morgan and York on Packard. About 40 minutes away is a full-service kosher butcher (Harvard Kosher Meat) and bakery (Bake Station) in West Bloomfield and a kosher grocery store (One Stop Kosher), with a large selection of fresh meat and produce, in Oak Park.

To stay abreast of recent happenings in the kosher world, you can subscribe to Kosher-Gram, published by Va'ad Harabonim (Rabbinical Council) of Detroit. Call (248) 559-5005 to be put on the mailing list. Kashrut alerts also are posted on the Orthodox Union website, ou.org.

Chabad House provides classes and assistance to community members who are interested in kashering their kitchen. Call 995-3276 for details.

The following stores offer a wide variety of kosher foods:

- Arbor Farms, 2103 West Stadium Blvd.
- Hiller's Market, 3615 Washtenaw Ave.
- Monahan's Seafood Market, 407 North 5th Ave. (Kerrytown)
- People's Food Coop, 216 North 4th Ave.
- Trader Joe's, 2398 East Stadium Blvd.
- Whole Foods Market, 3135 Washtenaw Ave.

The cover

This year's cover, created by graphic artist Dennis Platte, portrays the diversity of the Washtenaw County Jewish community. Dennis has been the staff designer for the *Washtenaw Jewish News* for almost five years. He began his commercial art training at Lansing Community College and then studied at Eastern Michigan University. For five years he lived in Maine, where he was the advertising production manager for Journal Publications for several of their magazines. He returned to Ypsilanti in 1989, where he lives with his wife, Janet, and now has his own design studio. He has worked as a graphic designer for commercial printers, publishing companies and advertising agencies.

Dennis is a founding member and president of PTD Productions. which has been producing live theater at the Riverside Arts Center for the last 16 years. He has been active with many other community organizations, including: Ypsilanti Area Futures, Washtenaw Council for the Arts, the Ypsilanti Arts Council, Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, along with other projects involving theater, history, and historical preservation.

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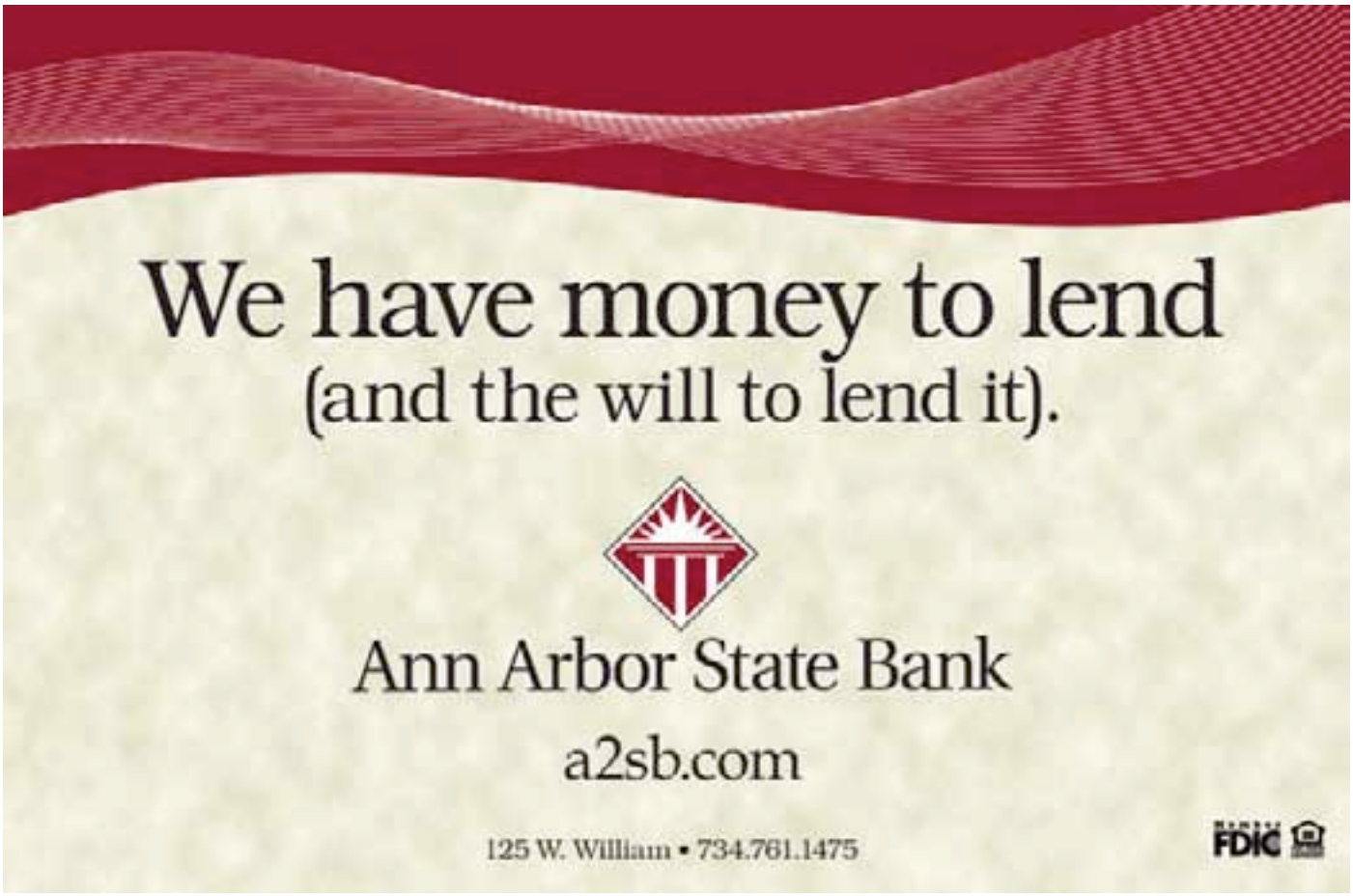

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